



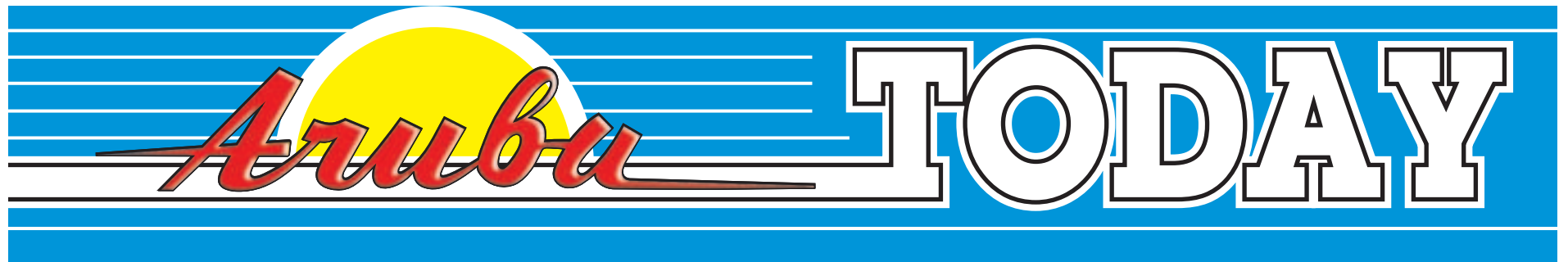
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CHICAGO FIRE

Dennis McCormack of Rockaway, N.J. checks the departure board only to find out that his flight to Newark, N.J. has been canceled at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, Friday, Sept. 26, 2014. All flights in and out of Chicago's two airports were halted Friday after a fire at a suburban air traffic control facility sent delays and cancellations rippling through the U.S. air travel network. Authorities said the blaze was intentionally set by a contract employee of the Federal Aviation Administration and had no ties to terrorism.

(AP Photo/Paul Beaty)

Fire at Air-Traffic Center Disrupts 1,800 Flights

JASON KEYSER
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A contract employee suspected of setting a fire at a suburban Chicago air traffic control center brought

two of the nation's busiest airports to a halt Friday, sending delays and cancellations rippling through the air-travel network from coast to coast.

The worker was found with

multiple self-inflicted knife wounds and burns, and authorities quickly ruled out any ties to terrorism. But the groundstoppage at O'Hare and Midway airports immediately raised questions

about whether the Federal Aviation Administration has adequate backup plans to keep planes moving when a single facility has to shut down.

By late afternoon, about

1,950 flights in and out of Chicago had been canceled. A few flights resumed around midday, after a nearly five-hour gap.

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Palestinian leader Abbas seeks UN deadline to end Israeli occupation

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UNITED NATIONS - The Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, accused Israel on Friday of failing to negotiate in good faith, said any return to negotiations would be "naïve at best" and called on the Security Council to press for a specific deadline to end Israeli occupation.

"It is impossible and I repeat - it is impossible - to return to the cycle of negotiations that failed to deal

"In the name of Palestine and its people, I affirm here today: We will not forget and we will not forgive, and we will not allow war criminals to escape punishment," Abbas said in his 30-minute address.

Abbas has been threatening to join the international court ever since Palestine won upgraded status as a nonmember observer state of the United Nations in November 2012, which permits membership in many related world bod-

take that step.

The Palestinian president has been seeking to bolster his authority in the aftermath of the 50-day Gaza war this summer between Israel and Hamas, the militant group that, unlike Abbas, refuses to recognize Israel's right to exist.

Despite the devastation in Gaza from that war, Hamas' popularity as a force that would stand up to Israel has increased among Palestinians.

The fighting this summer



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas addresses the General Assembly at the United Nations' headquarters, Sept. 26, 2014. Abbas, who accused Israel on Friday of failing to negotiate in good faith, said any return to negotiations would be "naïve at best" and called on the U.N. Security Council to press for a specific deadline to end Israeli occupation.

(Richard Perry/The New York Times)

with the substance of the matter and the fundamental question," Abbas said at the annual session of the General Assembly, reading from a prepared text but visibly enraged. "The time has come to end this settlement occupation."

His speech, however, was short on details. He did not offer his own specific deadline for an Israeli withdrawal, as some had expected, nor did he say anything about joining the International Criminal Court, which his aides have repeatedly said he is prepared to do. He only hinted obliquely that he would seek accountability for alleged war crimes against Palestinians during the latest war with Israel.

ies. Israel is worried in particular about Palestinian membership to the international court because it could open the way for the prosecution of Israeli political and military leaders for building settlements and other policies related to its decades-old occupation. Israel and the United States have expressed strong opposition to Palestinian membership in the international court and have asserted that talks between the two sides remains the best way to achieve a two-state solution to the protracted conflict.

The conspicuous absence of a direct reference to the international court in Abbas' speech suggested that he was still reluctant to

damaged more than 100 U.N. schools and hospitals, which the Israeli authorities said were near Hamas holdouts. The United Nations said 2,150 Palestinians, including 500 children, were killed. On the Israeli side, 67 soldiers and six civilians, including one child, were killed.

A fragile cease-fire agreement, negotiated in Cairo, has held for a month, and the two sides last week agreed to let reconstruction materials move into Gaza, monitored by the United Nations to ensure that they are destined for civilian projects. Israel has repeatedly said that cement and steel are diverted by Hamas to build tunnels to attack Israel. □

CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Haiti wreck likely not Columbus ship

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's culture minister says a shipwreck off the country's north coast probably isn't a lost flagship of Christopher Columbus as a U.S. explorer has claimed. An analysis by experts from UNESCO is expected within days. But Culture Minister Monique Rocourt tells The Associated Press it appears unlikely that the ship is the Santa Maria. Rocourt said in an interview Thursday that the remains on the sea floor near Cap-Haitien appear to be from a later ship. Explorer Barry Clifford stands by his belief that he found what's left of the Santa Maria. He says he's heard the UNESCO report raises doubts about the claim he announced in May. The ship foundered on Christmas Day in 1492. It would be a major archaeological find if confirmed. □

Castro: reform 'czar' to fix economy

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban President Raul Castro is returning his reform "czar" to the job of economy minister, saying efforts to overhaul the island's economy need to be "harmonized and integrated." An official statement read on state television Thursday night says Marino Murillo will also retain his post as vice president. The former head of the economy ministry, Adel Yzquierdo, is being made a vice minister in the agency. Murrillo was first economy minister in 2009-11. During that stint, he gained visibility in Cuba by overseeing major changes that have opened some areas of the previously heavily regulated economy to private enterprise. □

Pot smugglers sentenced in Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Three men from Nicaragua and two others from Costa Rica have been convicted of trying to traffic compressed marijuana out of Jamaica. In a Thursday statement, the Jamaica Constabulary Force says four of the men were fined and sentenced to mandatory prison terms of a year. The defendant was fined and sentenced to six months. The five men were arrested in January in Westmoreland, a western parish famed for its pot. Police officers said they spotted the men near midnight tending to a 40-foot-boat (12-meter) pulled up on a beach. Officers said they found bags stuffed with 356 pounds (161 kilograms) of compressed marijuana on the boat and on the beach. The five men will be deported to their home countries after they serve their prison sentences in Jamaica. □

Puerto Rico pastor held in porn case

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — U.S. authorities in Puerto Rico have arrested a former teacher and pastor on charges of attempted production of child pornography. A spokesman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement says 44-year-old Reinaldo Colon Aleman is accused of sending sexually explicit photos of himself to a 17-year-old student and threatening to give her bad grades if she did not reciprocate.

Spokesman Ivan Ortiz said Thursday that Colon was the pastor of a church in the northern town of Trujillo Alto. Agents with Homeland Security Investigations arrested Colon on Wednesday. He is being held until a bail hearing scheduled for Monday. □



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FBI: About 12 Americans fighting in Syria, not 100

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. believes there are about 12 Americans fighting alongside extremist groups in Syria, not more than 100, as has been cited for months.

That's not to say there is no concern about these other 88 or so Americans who officials say have been killed, arrested, traveled or attempted to travel to join the fight. But the U.S. only knows of about 12 who are currently in Syria fighting, FBI Director James Comey said.

The 100 figure, however, had taken on an urban legend status over the past few months as the Obama administration made its case to the American public for military action in Iraq and Syria. It's unclear what significance the discrepancy has as far as Americans' support for the U.S. military action, which so far has been strong.

"When I use a number of more than 100 that means people who have gone and come back, people who have attempted to go and we locked them up, people who have gone and stayed," Comey said during an interview with reporters at FBI headquarters. "The figure that I've been operating with is, ballparkish, a dozen still there fighting with terrorist groups."

But that breakdown has been absent from other Obama administration accounts.

"Thousands of foreign fighters have flocked to Syria over the past three years," Matthew Olsen, the director of the National Counterterrorism Center, said last week. "This includes more than 2,000 Europeans and more than a hundred Americans."

The head of the House Homeland Security Committee, Republican Rep. Michael McCaul, described it this way: "Coupled with 30,000 of these ISIS fighters, 15,000 are foreign fighters, over 100 American U.S. citizens. Many of these fighters have Western passports." He was using one of the acronyms for the Islamic State group.

The senior Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, James Inhofe of Oklahoma, told Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel during a hearing, "It's estimated that at least 2,000 fighters hold Western passports and at least 100 are U.S. citizens." Hagel never corrected him or clarified the 100 figure.

In June, Comey also cited the 100 figure during interviews with reporters at the FBI's Minneapolis field office.

"The 100 or so people that we are tracking, who have traveled, gone and stayed, gone and come back, are from everywhere in the United States, from all walks of life, making it enormously challenging for us," Comey said. □



Ann Walden and her 15 month-old daughter Delphine wait in-line after their flight to Baton Rouge was delayed at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, Friday, Sept. 26, 2014. All flights in and out of Chicago's two airports were halted Friday after a fire at a suburban air traffic control facility sent delays and cancellations rippling through the U.S. air travel network. Authorities said the blaze was intentionally set by a contract employee of the Federal Aviation Administration and had no ties to terrorism.

(AP Photo/Paul Beaty)

CHICAGO FIRE

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The planes were moving at a much-reduced pace, officials said, and no one could be sure when full service would be restored. Investigators had no immediate information on a possible motive.

The early morning fire forced the evacuation of the control center in Aurora, about 40 miles west of downtown Chicago. It was the second unexpected shutdown of a Chicago-area air-traffic facility since May.

Emergency crews found the man suspected of setting the fire in the basement, where the blaze began. It was unclear whether he had intended to commit suicide, said Thomas Ahern, a spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which was taking part in the investigation.

The 36-year-old employee worked for the FAA contractor that supplies and maintains communications systems at air-traffic facilities, said Jessica Cigich, a spokeswoman for Professional Aviation Safety Specialists, the union that represents FAA technicians. He was taken to a hospital and was expected to survive.

"We don't know what his state of mind was at the time," Ahern said.

The man used gasoline as an accelerant, he said.

Authorities were preparing to search the suspect's home in nearby Naperville. No charges have been filed, and the suspect's name was not released.

When the center was evacuated, management of the region's airspace was transferred to other facilities, FAA spokeswoman Elizabeth Cory said.

But hours after the ordeal began, the region's air traffic was still a mess. The Aurora facility — which had

become a crime scene — remained shut down.

The flames badly damaged the center's fiber-optic equipment, leaving controllers unable to talk with pilots, Cigich said.

A control center in Indianapolis called in staff on overtime to patch together inbound and outbound routes for the Chicago area, said Douglas Church, a spokesman for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association labor union. But the process was slow and painstaking because there was no way for other Chicago-area controllers to send flight plans to computers in Indianapolis. That information normally gets routed through the Aurora facility.

"They have had to revert to entering flight-plan information on those aircraft into (their) system by hand," Church wrote in an email.

That led some observers to call for better backup plans. □



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US official says Khorasan Group threat to aviation

JOAN LOWY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An al-Qaida cell in Syria known as the Khorasan Group, which was targeted by U.S. airstrikes this week, represents “a clear and present danger” to commercial flights to Europe and the United States, the Obama administration’s top aviation security official said Friday.

The purpose of the airstrikes was to disrupt an “imminent attack or attack entering the last phases of execution,” said John Pistole, head of the Transportation Security Administration. The Khorasan Group has been researching and testing improvised explosive devices designed to elude airport security, he said.

Pistole’s remarks, which came at a luncheon of

the Washington Aero Club, were among the most detailed to date about potential terror threats posed by the group. The Obama administration on Sept. 18 publicly acknowledged for the first time the existence of the shadowy group of veteran al-Qaida members. “The stakes are real and the threats are high,” Pistole said to members of the Aero Club, an organization that promotes aviation. “I see the Khorasan Group as being a very capable, determined enemy who was very much focused on getting somebody or something on a plane bound for Europe or the United States.”

Though the Khorasan Group has been known to U.S. intelligence officials, the name only recently became public after a series



Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Administrator John Pistole testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. Pistole says hardened jihadists in Syria known as the Khorasan group represent “a clear and present danger” to passenger and cargo airline flights to the United States and Europe. Pistole says the purpose of U.S. military air strikes earlier this week that targeted the group was to disrupt an “imminent attack or attack entering the last phases of execution.”

(AP Photo/Molly Riley)

of articles about the threats it poses to the U.S. Officials said military strikes Monday night were intended to disrupt an imminent plot, but “imminent,” when used by the government in terms of intelligence, does not necessarily mean it was about to happen. There was no information about a specific target, for instance.

Intelligence officials have known for months that Khorasan Group extremists were scheming with bomb-makers from al-Qaida’s Yemen affiliate to find new ways to get explosives onto planes. Their plans were far enough along that the TSA in July asked for additional passenger screening at certain overseas airports with direct flights to the U.S., including that passengers be required to turn on laptops, tablets and other electronic devices, Pistole said.

The group has been recruiting Westerners to carry explosives onto a plane or put one on a cargo plane. There are some 8,850 peo-

ple associated with “foreign terrorist fighter activity” on the terror watch list of people banned from flying to, from or within the U.S., according to the FBI. But Pistole said many of these western Khorasan recruits may not be on that list.

The TSA is looking at more steps that can be taken in the U.S. and overseas to “increase aviation security without shutting down commerce, trade and the tourism business,” Pistole said. Some additional security measures have already been taken in the U.S., he said, but declined to describe them.

There are about 275 airports around the world with direct flights to the U.S. Enhanced security measures are being used at “a couple dozen” airports in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa based on intelligence that those airports might be used by a terrorist to fly to the U.S., Pistole said. But he indicated those measures aren’t foolproof. □

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Virus probed in paralysis cases in nine children

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Health officials are investigating nine cases of muscle weakness or paralysis in Colorado children and whether the culprit might be a virus causing severe respiratory illness across the country.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday sent doctors an alert about the polio-like cases and said the germ — enterovirus 68 — was detected in four out of eight of the sick children who had a certain medical test. The status of the ninth case is unclear.

The virus can cause paralysis but other germs can, too. Health officials don't know whether the virus caused any of the children's arm and leg weaknesses or whether it's just a germ they coincidentally picked up.

"That's why we want more information," and for doctors to report similar cases, said the CDC's Dr. Jane Seward. The cases occurred within the last two months.

All nine children are being treated at Children's Hospital Colorado in Aurora, and most are from the Denver area. A hospital spokeswoman said the patients' families didn't want to talk to the media.

After Ebola outbreak;

Obama calls for global effort against epidemics

MICHAEL D. SHEAR

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Friday called on nations around the world to develop more effective health care systems to prevent deadly outbreaks like the Ebola virus that is rapidly spreading across West Africa.

"Each time the world scrambles to coordinate a response, each time it's been harder than it should be to share information and contain the outbreak," Obama told health ministers from more than 40 nations who had gathered at the White House for a global health security summit meeting. "It is unacceptable if, because of lack of preparedness and planning and global preparation, people are dying." Obama's remarks were the centerpiece of a daylong meeting the White House organized in February, before the current Ebola outbreak. Obama's aides said the goal was to persuade other countries to treat biological threats — whether manufactured or natural — as national security issues that need to be prevented or contained.

U.S. officials announced that participants in the summit meeting had agreed to work collaboratively during the next five years to improve the capacity to

up more capacity, Obama said.

"No nation can meet these challenges on its own," Obama said. "Nobody is that isolated anymore. Oceans don't protect you.

that hundreds of thousands of people could die from the disease within months if more was not done to confront its spread. He said the United States had increased aid to the



President Barack Obama speaks at the Global Health Security Agenda Summit, Friday, Sept. 26, 2014, in the South Court Auditorium of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House complex in Washington. The president said that in an interconnected world, outbreaks of deadly viruses like Ebola have the potential to affect every nation.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

detect diseases early, diagnose them quickly and respond to their spread. Countries that have more advanced health systems will work with countries that need assistance in building

Walls don't protect you." Obama used the opportunity of the health summit meeting to renew his call for a global response to the Ebola crisis in Africa. He said experts predicted

region, and he thanked the Japanese government for the purchase of 500,000 pieces of ventilated suits for health care workers to use as they treat people infected with Ebola in Africa.



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Ferguson unrest persists despite chief's gesture

JIM SUHR

Associated Press

FERGUSON, Missouri (AP)

— The Ferguson police chief's attempt to march with protesters demanding charges in the killing of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white officer still erupted into a clash that activists Friday blamed on police missteps.

The trouble Thursday night came hours after Police Chief Tom Jackson released a videotaped apology to Michael Brown's family that drew skepticism from residents and protesters who still crave answers about Brown's death. A county grand jury is weighing whether to indict Ferguson officer Darren Wilson in the Aug. 9 shooting, and the Justice Department is investigating whether Brown's civil rights were violated.

The latest unrest occurred two days after many in the St. Louis suburb complained Ferguson police did little to douse a fire that destroyed a makeshift memorial for Brown.

"You have people grasping for a crumb of justice," protester Charles Wade, 31, of Austin, Texas, said Friday near the police station where protesters have regularly gathered since shortly after Brown's death. "There's a circle of trauma that keeps happening."

He said Thursday night's protesters appeared largely unmoved by Jackson's apology, saying they "felt it was more of a PR move than sincere." In it, Jackson acknowledged Brown's body should have been removed from the street much sooner than the four hours it remained there as police collected evidence. "I'm truly sorry for that," Jackson said, insisting officers meant no disrespect to Brown's family or the largely black community. To Brown's parents, Jackson added, "I'm truly sorry for the loss of your son."

Also Thursday, news surfaced that the man hired to handle public relations for Ferguson, including the chief's apology, was fired after officials learned he



Protesters exchange words with a Ferguson police officer who was moving them off the street in front of the Ferguson Police Department, as they called for the resignation of Chief Tom Jackson on Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014.

(AP Photo/Cohen)

had been convicted of reckless homicide in 2006 in connection with a shooting in Tennessee. Devin James told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch the shooting was self-defense and he served 90 days in prison and five years of probation.

James and Jackson did

not return messages to The Associated Press seeking comment Friday.

Col. Ron Replogle of the Missouri State Highway Patrol said Friday that Missouri police have been undergoing training on responding to civil unrest, buying more equipment and

"planning for the worst" throughout the St. Louis region if a grand jury opts not to indict Wilson.

Thursday's flare-up came after Jackson agreed to join marchers but failed to tell officers monitoring his safety to stand down, witnesses said Friday.

Police:

Woman beheaded at Oklahoma plant

TIM TALLEY

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A man fired from a food processing plant beheaded a woman with a knife and was attacking another worker when he was shot and wounded by a company official, police said Friday.

Moore Police Sgt. Jeremy Lewis said police are waiting until Alton Nolen, 30, is conscious to arrest him in Thursday's attack and have asked the FBI to help investigate after co-workers at Vaughan Foods in the south Oklahoma City suburb told authorities that he recently started trying to convert several employees to Islam. "Yes, she was beheaded," Lewis told The Associated Press before a Friday news conference.

Lewis said Nolen then stabbed Traci Johnson, 43, a number of times before



This photo shows Alton Nolen, of Moore, Okla. (AP Photo/ODOC)

Mark Vaughan, a reserve sheriff's deputy and the company's chief operating officer, shot him.

"This was not going to stop if he didn't stop it. It could have gotten a lot worse," Lewis said. "The threat had already stopped once we arrived."

Lewis said Moore police have asked the FBI to look into the man's background

because of the nature of the attack, which follows a series of videotaped beheadings by Islamic State militants.

In a statement, FBI Special Agent in Charge James E. Finch said the motive for the attack has not been determined but that there is no reason to believe there is a threat to anyone else.

Johnson and the suspect were hospitalized and in stable condition Friday, Lewis said. Nolen had not yet been charged and Lewis said he didn't know what charges the suspect would face.

Oklahoma Department of Corrections records say Nolen has served time in prison and is on probation for assault and battery on a police officer. He also was convicted of cocaine possession with intent to distribute in 2011.

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America's Economy grew at 4.6% rate in April-June

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a dismal winter, the U.S. economy expanded at an annual rate of 4.6 percent in the spring, the fastest pace in more than two years, the government reported Friday. The solid rebound is expected to provide momentum for strong growth the rest of the year. The Commerce Department said the April-June figure compared to a decline of 2.1 percent in the first three months of the year, when a harsh winter caused the biggest drop in activity since the Great Recession.

Friday's result was even better than the 4.2 percent estimate made a month ago. The latest revision reflects improvements in business investment and exports. Economists believe the economy is growing above 3 percent in the current July-September quarter.

The 4.6 percent growth in gross domestic product, the economy's total output of goods and services, was the government's third and final look at GDP in the second quarter. The first estimate pegged growth at 4 percent and that was revised last month to 4.2 percent.

The final upward revision reflected new-found strength in business investment, which grew at an annual rate of 9.7 percent in the second quarter. The result is better than the government's previous estimate of 8.1 percent, bolstered by both investment in structures and equipment. The revision showed that export sales grew at an 11.1 percent rate in the second

quarter, stronger than a previous 10.1 percent estimate, another factor helping to boost growth. Consumer spending, which

but double the 1.2 percent growth in consumer spending in the first quarter. The surge of activity this spring was in part a turn-

Economists expect much less volatility in growth going forward. Many say the economy will grow at an annual rate of 3 percent or

start to the year, growth for all of 2014 is expected to be a lackluster 2.1 percent, little changed from last year's 2.2 percent GDP increase.

Analysts have much a much brighter outlook for 2015.

They say that the economy is finally entering a period of above-trend growth as unemployment level falls. Those growing payrolls should translate into stronger consumer spending, which accounts for about two-thirds of economic growth.

Economists at JPMorgan Chase predict growth of 3 percent next year, a significant improvement over the average annual growth rates of around 2 percent that the country has experienced since the end of the recession in June 2009.

Federal Reserve policymakers last week decided to keep a key short-term interest rate at record lows, near zero, and indicated that they planned to keep it there for a "considerable time."



Laurette Eugene makes the final assembly of body armor at the Point Blank Body Armor factory in Pompano Beach, Fla. The government issued its third and final estimate of how fast the U.S. economy grew in the April-June quarter on Friday, Sept. 26, 2014.

(AP Photo/J Pat Carter)

accounts for more than two-thirds of economic activity grew at a 2.5 percent annual rate, unchanged from the previous estimate

around from a terrible winter, which disrupted factory production and kept consumers away from shopping malls.

better in both the current July-September quarter and in the final quarter this year.

But because of the rough

US consumer confidence reaches 14-month high

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A measure of U.S. consumer confidence reached its highest level since July 2013, led by greater optimism that the economy will grow and incomes will rise.

The University of Michigan said Friday that its index of consumer sentiment rose to 84.6 in September from 82.5 in August. That's the second highest level in the past seven years, although the index has rarely topped

85 since the Great Recession. Before the downturn, it typically stood above 90. Still, the sunnier outlook could spur consumers to spend more, which would accelerate economic growth. Consumer spend-

ing accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity. But spending growth has been subdued since the recession ended in 2009, averaging at an annual rate of 2 percent. It usually rises above 3 per-

cent in a healthy economy. Other measures also indicate that consumers' outlook is brightening. The Conference Board's consumer confidence index increased to a seven-year high last month.

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NFL prompted to examine its record on hiring of women

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When NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell was asked last week whether any women helped him decide to suspend former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice two games for punching his then-fiancée, he sheepishly said no.

"You're pointing out exactly what we're concerned about, that we didn't have the right voices at the table," he told the reporter. "We need to get better expertise."

Steve Bisciotti, the owners of the Ravens, was asked a similar question this week: Were any women involved in his decision to cut Rice and terminate his contract? The answer was similar.

"Unfortunately, we don't have a female president, GM or coach," Bisciotti said.

Goodell and Bisciotti were acknowledging what outside experts and even some who have worked for the NFL have known for years: that the league and its 32 teams have done a poor job hiring women, a deficiency that was laid bare by Rice's suspension.

"Until they hired a raft of consultants and promoted the woman in charge of social responsibility, it was a bunch of guys in a room," said Jodi Balsam, a former lawyer at the NFL who now teaches at Brooklyn Law School. "They didn't have any expertise on the pathology of domestic violence. It's not that they had bad intentions or were purposely overlooking things because they were motivated to downplay anything that would hurt the league. But they were shortsighted in not having someone in the room to help them understand the

pathology."

The authors of the NFL Racial and Gender Report Card released last week by the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports gave the league a C-minus for gender hiring practices - the worst record of any big

to evolve and improve," said Robert Gulliver, executive vice president of human resources at the NFL. "We remain committed to diversity and inclusion and our focus on being an organization that benefits from different back-

changing the culture," Lapchick said.

The culture of the NFL is under intense scrutiny these days. Women's groups, advocates for victims of domestic violence, politicians and players have criticized Goodell and the

ceptable, people are going to get turned off."

The stakes are high. By the league's own reckoning, women make up 45 percent of the NFL's fans, though men are far more likely to be "avid" fans, and 35 percent of viewers who watch NFL games on television are women, according to Nielsen.

Sales of women's apparel has grown by double digits the past five years even as growth of other licensed merchandise slowed.

A poll by the University of North Florida found that 25 percent of women said the league's handling of the Rice episode "would discourage them from not only attending NFL games but also from the consumption of league-related media content."

Teresa Younger, the president of the Ms. Foundation for Women, said the league had a "problem with women" and Goodell's recent steps to address domestic violence have fallen short because all of the women he hired were white. Goodell, she said, must also look at how women are involved at all levels of the league.

"The NFL must have non-sexist advertising standards, pay cheerleaders good wages, hire and promote women coaches, referees and sportscasters, and promote women of all colors within the executive offices of the NFL," she said.

Getting the league and its teams to pay attention to this issue can take time and sometimes involves going to court.

Former cheerleaders have sued the Buffalo Bills, the Jets and the Oakland Raiders for not paying them fairly and for being forced to pay for their work-related equipment. □



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell holds a news conference in New York. The uproar over the league's handling of domestic abuse cases has forced Goodell to acknowledge what has long been known in league circles — that the NFL and its individual teams have done a poor job of hiring women.

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

sports league - while teams were given a failing grade. In the wake of the release of graphic footage showing Rice's knockout punch, Goodell has strengthened the league's domestic violence policies, including hiring more women to key positions.

Three experts will now advise the commissioner, a vice president was promoted to oversee social responsibility efforts, and women were picked as chief of government affairs and chief marketing officer.

"Diversity across race and gender at the league office continues to increase, and we are always looking

grounds, perspectives and experiences."

The new female executives, who join 21 other women who are vice president or above, should provide Goodell with a more diverse set of views, but Richard Lapchick, the author of the report, said that meaningful change will take years and only if extensive and mandatory training is introduced for players and team and league officials. That is because the top positions of the league and teams are dominated by men, and change comes slowly because turnover is low for many of these jobs. "It's not just about changing the numbers, but about

league for being insensitive to the gravity of domestic violence and out of touch with issues that women care about.

Some senators have suggested that Goodell be called to Washington to answer for the league's handling of domestic violence.

Activists have called for boycotts and major sponsors including Anheuser-Busch and PepsiCo have said they were uneasy with the league's policies.

"They want people to watch the game, right?" Jason Babin, a New York Jets linebacker, said about the NFL. "If they let things go that are not socially ac-

US-led strikes hit IS group as coalition grows

RYAN LUCAS

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — American warplanes and drones hit

targeting the extremists in Syria and Iraq, as the U.S.-led coalition expanded to include Britain, Denmark

only in the Iraq part of the military campaign, leaving the operation in Syria to the United States and five Arab

of the coalition provides a welcome boost for President Barack Obama and the American-led campaign.

The U.S.-led operation aims to roll back and ultimately crush the Islamic State group, which has carved out a proto-state stretching from Syria's northern border with Turkey to the outskirts of Baghdad. The militants have employed brute force to achieve their goals, massacring captured Syrian and Iraqi troops, terrorizing minorities in both countries and beheading two American journalists and a British aid worker.

While striking fear into its opponents, the Islamic State group's tactics have also helped galvanize the international community to move against the extremists. France has already joined the U.S.-led effort in Iraq, and is considering expanding its role to Syria as well. The Netherlands, too, has said it would take part in the bombing campaign in Iraq.

Denmark, Belgium and Britain all signed on as well

on Friday. Denmark said it would send seven F-16 fighter jets and 250 pilots and support staff, while Belgium will contribute six F-16s that are already en route to Jordan so they can go into action as early as Saturday. "No one should be ducking in this case," said Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt. British lawmakers also voted Friday to join the coalition. London is expected to deploy Tornado fighters, which are in Cyprus — within striking distance of northern Iraq.

"This is about psychopathic terrorists that are trying to kill us and we do have to realize that, whether we like it or not, they have already declared war on us," Prime Minister David Cameron told a tense House of Commons in a more than six-hour debate. "There isn't a 'walk on by' option. There isn't an option of just hoping this will go away." The European contingent will join a campaign has already carried out hundreds of airstrikes, the latest of which hit Islamic State positions in both Iraq and Syria late Thursday and Friday.



Anti-Syrian government protesters carry flags of the al-Qaida-affiliated Nusra Front, left, and Islamic State group, right, during a demonstration against the U.S.-led coalition airstrikes, at Maarat Masrin town, in Idlib province, northern Syria, Friday Sept. 26, 2014. In towns and villages controlled by Syria's mainstream rebel factions, the airstrikes have garnered mixed reactions. Most people appear to condone hitting the Islamic State group, but question why President Bashar Assad's forces which have killed thousands of people in the civil war _ remain untouched.

(AP Photo/Edlib News Network ENN)

Islamic State group tanks, Humvees, checkpoints and bunkers in airstrikes Friday

and Belgium.

The European countries committed to take part

allies who began conducting airstrikes there on Tuesday. Still, the broadening

Turkey: Erdogan calls for no-fly zone in Syria

SUZAN FRASER

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Friday that a "no-fly zone" should be created in Syria to protect part of it from attacks by Syria's air force.

In his comments to reporters on his return from the U.N. General Assembly in New York, Erdogan did not specify where such a zone should be located.

But Turkey is eager to refocus the world's attention on removing Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime from power as well as fighting the Islamic State militants who are battling Kurdish forces just over the border in Syria, triggering a refugee influx into Turkey. "A no-fly zone must be declared and this no fly-zone must be secured," Erdogan

said, adding that he had discussed the issue with President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

In addition, Erdogan said a "secure area" should be created on the Syrian side of the Turkish border, where tens of thousands of Syrians have fled the fighting as refugees. Turkey could probably protect such an area with its artillery.

In Washington, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey did not rule out the possibility of enforcing a buffer zone for Turkey's borders with Iraq and Syria, but they would not discuss the potential of supporting a no-fly zone over Syria.

Still, both officials made clear at a Pentagon news conference that the U.S. was not actively consider-


ing enforcing either.

Hagel also was pressed on why the U.S. has not launched airstrikes or otherwise given military help to Syrian Kurds in the town of Kobani, which is under siege by Islamic State militants, in the same way that American forces attacked extremists who threatened Iraqi Yazidis and Kurds last month.

Hagel said U.S. officials are keenly aware of the situation in Kobani, which sits on the Syrian border with Turkey.

"We are discussing how and what we can do with our coalition partners to help them deal with it," Hagel said. "We're talking to Turkey about this and all of the different aspects of the ISIL threat."

ISIL as an acronym that some use for the Islamic State group,



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Filipino-UK firm to drill for gas in disputed sea

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The chairman of a Philippine energy company said Friday a Chinese state-owned oil producer hasn't responded to a revived proposal to jointly explore a disputed area of the South China Sea but drilling will go ahead by 2016 with or without a partnership. Manuel Pangilinan said

that Filipino-British company Forum Energy PLC communicated the offer to China National Offshore Oil Corp. to explore Reed Bank, northwest of the Philippine island of Palawan. Philippine and Chinese vessels had a confrontation there three years ago. Pangilinan said the Chinese company, also

known as CNOOC, has not responded but Forum is continuing its attempts to engage with the Chinese company. He said the project has not attracted other investors because it is in an area of conflicting territorial claims and other investors did not want to offend China. Pangilinan is chairman of Philex Petroleum Corp.,

majority owner of London-based Forum Energy that has been awarded the exploration contract. He had an initial meeting with CNOOC President Yang Hua in 2012, but the talks have stalled, with the territorial conflict hampering exploration in the area. Pangilinan said Forum still intends to drill two wells in first half of 2016.

"We will do it on our own if we have to ... as long as we are not disturbed," he said. The Department of Energy has extended Forum's delayed drilling program by a year, giving it up to Aug. 15, 2016 to fulfil its contractual obligations. Pangilinan said weather would permit drilling only from March to May. □

Cambodians protest Australia resettlement deal

SOPHENG CHEANG Associated Press PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Australia and Cambodia signed an agreement Friday for asylum-seekers who are refused residency in Australia to instead be resettled in the impoverished Southeast Asian country criticized for its deteriorating human rights record. Australian Immigration Minister Scott Morrison and Cambodian Interior Minister Sar Kheng signed the memorandum of understanding to resettle an unspecified number of refugees currently held at an Australian-run detention camp on the tiny Pacific island nation of Nauru. Most of the detainees arrived by boat from the Middle East and South Asia. Australia has increased its efforts to deter asylum-seekers from attempting to reach Australian shores by boat, and its current government has vowed that no boat arrivals will ever be resettled in Australia. But the efforts have con-

cerned activists for refugees, with critics of Australia's resettlement efforts charging that Cambodia is too impoverished to

handle them and that its poor human rights record puts any resettled asylum-seekers at risk. "This is a worrying depar-

ture from international norms," the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres said in a statement. "International

consider its approach." Ou Virak, chairman of the Cambodian Center for Human Rights, said his country was poor and "couldn't consider its approach." "Money alone will not be able to fix these things for the refugees," he said in an interview by email. "I think they will be left in limbo for years." The Australian Council for International Development, which promotes foreign aid, declared the planned transfer "unnecessarily cruel and bad public policy. About 100 people demonstrated outside Australia's embassy in Cambodia before the signing, clashing briefly with police. Neither Morrison nor Sar Kheng spoke to the media after the signing and a champagne toast at the Interior Ministry in Phnom Penh. "Australia will use its expertise and experience to assist Cambodia to strengthen settlement support provided to refugees in Cambodia," their joint statement said. "As part of this commitment, Australia will bear the direct costs of the arrangement, including initial support to refugees, and relevant capacity building for Cambodia." □



Australian Immigration Minister Scott Morrison, left, shows a signed document with Cambodian Interior Minister Sar Kheng, right, after a signing ceremony of a controversial deal on resettlement of refugees inside the Interior Ministry in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Friday, Sept. 26, 2014. (AP Photo/Heng Sinith)

responsibility sharing is the basis on which the whole global refugee system works. I hope that the Australian government will re-

give humanitarian support even if we wanted to." "Most of her people do not have access to decent health care, educa-

tion. Money alone will not be able to fix these things for the refugees," he said in an interview by email. "I think they will be left in limbo for years."

China tells Taiwan: Reunifying will end antagonism

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese president Xi Jinping said reunifying the mainland and Taiwan is about ending political antagonism rather than about rebuilding territories and sovereignty, state media reported Friday. Xi's remarks to a delegation of pro-reunification groups from Taiwan come as sentiments are rising among the Taiwanese public for inde-

pendence. China's communist government has long sought to claim Taiwan, which it considers a renegade province. The nationalist government of the Republic of China retreated to the island in 1949 as its last foothold after losing a civil war to the Communists. The nationalist government's ambitions to reclaim the mainland later

fizzled, and the island has become a de facto sovereign state, although there is no formal declaration of independence. Animosity toward the mainland's government has lingered in democratic Taiwan, which remains cautious about Beijing's authoritarian government. Polls also have shown more people are favoring independence. Xi warned against Taiwan

independence, saying it would be unfeasible and hurt the relationship between the mainland and the island. "No secessionist act will be tolerated," the Chinese president said. Xi said Beijing seeks peaceful reunification and will use the principle of "one country, two systems" for Taiwan, as it has done for the former British colony Hong Kong. Xi said Beijing would "fully

take in opinions and suggestions from all walks of life from both sides" and would "make arrangements that fully take care of the interests of Taiwan compatriots." "The national reunification we advocate is not merely unification in form, but more importantly, a spiritual connection between the two sides," Xi said, as quoted in state media. □



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EU proposes deal to ensure Ukraine gas supplies

GEIR MOULSON
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Ukraine would repay \$3.1 billion in debts to Russia in exchange for guaranteed

ply crisis in Ukraine and the EU over the winter but wouldn't resolve a deeper dispute over what price Kiev should pay for past and future deliveries. An

involved in Moscow and Kiev," EU Energy Commissioner Guenther Oettinger said.

He said there is a good chance of the deal being

Pressure is mounting to solve the long-running dispute, which is part of a wider conflict over Ukraine's relations with Russia and the West and resulted in Moscow cutting off supplies to Kiev more than three months ago.

Ukraine needs deliveries to resume if it is to keep its industries running through the winter. Meanwhile, much of the Russian gas supplied to EU countries passes through pipelines that cross Ukraine.

Under the proposal, Kiev would pay \$2 billion to Moscow by the end of October and another \$1.1 billion by the end of December, Oettinger said. He indicated that the EU would guarantee the Ukrainian debt payments.

In exchange, Russian gas

company Gazprom would supply at least 5 billion cubic meters of gas to Ukraine over the coming months at \$385 per 1,000 cubic meters. Ukraine would have to pay up front for that new gas. Oettinger said that, for all its efforts to produce its own gas, save energy and get Russian gas from EU countries via so-called "reverse flow" shipments, Ukraine needs to buy between 5 and 12 billion cubic meters of gas to assure supplies at home and on to Europe through the winter. Ukraine's Energy Minister Yuri Prodan made clear that the proposed price tag for this winter's gas deliveries would be "an interim price," and Kiev is sticking to its stance that it should pay \$268 per thousand cubic meters. □



A compressor station on a gas pipeline to the Ukraine. Russia and Ukraine are holding talks to solve their long-running gas dispute as pressure mounts for a solution to head off a winter supply crisis in Ukraine and beyond. (Piotr Malecki/The New York Times)

gas deliveries through the harsh winter months under a proposal unveiled Friday after talks brokered by the European Union.

The proposed deal, which would expire next spring, is aimed at averting a sup-

arbitration court in Stockholm is expected to rule only next year on that.

"Today, we worked out a sound draft for a winter package, and I am confident that this draft can win the approval of all those

signed next week, when he plans to get the two countries' energy ministers and top gas executives back together in Berlin. Those officials will now consult with governments in Kiev and Moscow.

EU-Canada trade deal now finalized

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP)

— A major trade agreement with Canada has the backing of all 28 EU countries after last minute opposition from Germany had threatened to scuttle the deal, European Union leaders said Friday.

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso and European Council President Herman Van Rompuy gave those assurances alongside Prime Minister Stephen Harper at a press conference to announce the closing of five tough years of negotiations. German opposition

to the deal had resurfaced on Thursday, over concerns it could not support the clause that allows private companies to sue governments. However, Barroso said that opposition has since been quelled and all the official communications they've received from Germany "were absolutely in favor of this agreement." "It would be very strange if it were to be otherwise because, if I may add, the country that is going to benefit the most from this agreement is, indeed, Germany." Harper appeared pleased by the show of

support and played down any voices of opposition.

"I expect this kind of thing will happen, but in the end we have an agreement ... we have all and those we represent committed to it and we will honor those commitments," he said.

Almost a year ago, Harper flew to Brussels with great fanfare for a signing ceremony on a deal in principle.

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Peru: Injured Spaniard trapped for 7 days in cave



Rescue workers gather outside the Inti Machay cave where Spanish citizen Cecilio Lopez Tercero is trapped in north-western Peru. The injured Spanish speleologist has been trapped for seven days about 400 meters (1,300 feet) underground in a cave in Peru's remote Amazon region. (AP Photo/Chachapoyas Territory Police)

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Rescuers were working late Thursday to save an injured Spanish speleologist who has been trapped for a week about 400 meters (1,300 feet) underground in a cave in Peru's remote Amazon region. Cecilio Lopez was hurt when he fell 5 me-

ters (16 feet) inside the Inti Machay cave in a ravine in Leimebamba district, 605 kilometers (376 miles) north-east of the capital, Lima. Rescue coordinator James Apaestegui said a doctor had reached Lopez and found the well-known cave explorer had two dam-

aged lumbar vertebrae that limit his movement. "Cecilio Lopez is lying face up. He can move laterally but he cannot stand up," said Apaestegui, who is a researcher at the Geophysical Institute of Peru and President of the Andino Caving Club. □

US considers making new offer to Iran at nuke talk

GEORGE JAHN
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.S. is considering softening present demands that Iran gut its uranium enrichment program in favor of a new proposal that would allow Tehran to keep nearly half of the project intact while placing other constraints on its possible use as a path to nuclear weapons, diplomats told The Associated Press.

The initiative, revealed late Thursday, comes after months of nuclear negotiations between Iran and six world powers that have failed to substantially narrow differences over the future size and capacity of Tehran's uranium enrichment program. Iran insists it does not want atomic arms but the West is only willing to lift nuclear-related sanctions if Tehran agrees to substantially shrink enrichment and other activities that Iran could turn toward making such weapons.

The U.S., which fears Tehran may enrich to weapons-grade level used to arm nuclear warheads, ideally wants no more than 1,500 centrifuges left operating. Iran insists it wants to use the technology only to make reactor fuel and for other peaceful purposes and insists it be allowed to run at least the present 9,400 machines. The tentative new U.S. offer attempts to meet the Iranians close to half way on numbers, said two diplomats who demanded anonymity because their information is confidential. They said it envisages letting Iran keep up to 4,500 centrifuges but would reduce the stock of uranium gas fed into the machines to the point where it would take more than a year of enriching to create enough material for a nuclear warhead. That, they said, would give the international community enough lead time to react to any such attempt. The diplomats emphasized that the proposal is only one of several being discussed by the six powers — the U.S., Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany — and has not yet been formally submitted to the Iranians.

Other ideas also include letting Iran have more than 1,500 machines but removing or destroying much of the infrastructure needed to make them run — wiring, pipes used to feed uranium gas and other auxiliary equipment. Both ideas would allow the Iranians to claim that they did not compromise on vows that they would never emasculate their enrichment capabilities, while keeping intact American demands that the program be downgraded to a point where it could not be quickly turned to making bombs.

The new proposals reflect Washington's desire to advance the talks ahead of a Nov. 24 deadline that was extended from July. The current round began a week ago on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly, leading to speculation that foreign ministers of the negotiating nations would join in the talks. But the diplomats said that was no longer planned because of the lack of substantial progress.

The fates of a reactor under construction near the city of Arak and of an underground enrichment facility at Fordo are also contentious issues. The U.S. and its Western allies want the reactor converted to reduce to a minimum its production of plutonium, an alternate pathway to nuclear arms. And they insist that the Fordo plant be shuttered or used for something other than enrichment because it is fortified and thought to be impervious to air attacks.

The U.S. proposal drew opposition from Israel. The country's intelligence minister, Yuval Steinitz, said in a statement that "Israel strongly objects" because it believes Iran is conducting experiments meant to "ignite the nuclear chain reaction in nuclear weapons." □



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The Texas Porter's first walked in the Palm Pier on their first visit to Aruba. Immediately they loved the atmosphere, beautiful view, the staff that have become family and of course the delicious drinks. You can spot Dino and Dixie at Bugaloe anytime enjoying a Mojito or Absolut Tonic and a ceviche platter. Their funniest memory of Bugaloe is the fun antics and interaction with the staff and dancing salsa on Wednesday nights till your feet ache! You might wonder why they have been choosing Aruba for so many years? Well, it is simple says Dixie: "Aruba is beautiful and the people are wonderful and friendly. We just love walking on the beach, meeting new people and exploring new restaurants". When Dino and Dixie visit Aruba, they like staying at the Playa Linda Beach Resort.

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Driver Joey Logano looks on from the garage during practice for the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race, Friday, Sept. 26, 2014, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

Associated Press

Logano enjoys career year as Cup title contender

DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

DOVER, Del. (AP) — For a driver once nicknamed "Sliced Bread," there was a time Joey Logano worried his career was toast. Turned out, all Logano needed was a change of address.

These days, like a fresh loaf, Logano simply rises to the occasion.

Logano is rolling as he heads to Dover International Speedway — and not like the race where he barrel-rolled seven times in a frightening wreck on the concrete track.

No, Logano is on more of a hot streak this time around, easily enjoying the best season of his career. And maybe even his best week. Logano won last week's second Chase for the Sprint Cup championship race at New Hampshire. It's his hometown track. The one where he attended his first race when he was 5.

The victory cemented his spot in the second round of the Chase, joining Team Penske teammate Brad Keselowski as the only drivers locked into the field.

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EU roars back to lead on gripping opening day

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Europe's Rory McIlroy, left, and Rickie Fowler, right, of the US shake hands at the end of their foursomes match on the first day of the Ryder Cup golf tournament at Gleneagles, Scotland, Friday, Sept. 26, 2014.

Associated Press

Diamondbacks fire manager Kirk Gibson, coach Trammell

PHOENIX (AP) — The Diamondbacks fired manager Kirk Gibson three years after he won the NL's manager of the year award for leading Arizona to the playoffs.

The Diamondbacks are assured of at least a tie for the worst record in the majors this season, having lost 96 games entering the final series of the year.

"Kirk has done an admirable job under difficult circumstances," chief baseball officer Tony La Russa said in a statement. "We feel like it is time for a fresh start."

The move came as the Diamondbacks front office restructures under La Russa following a third disappointing season in a row. Arizona went 81-81 in 2013 and 2012. Former major league pitcher Dave Stewart was hired Thursday as the team's new general manager.

"I am extremely appreciative for this opportunity and



In this Sept. 24, 2014, file photo,, Arizona Diamondbacks manager Kirk Gibson watches from the dugout during a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins in Minneapolis. Associated Press

I had a great experience with the Diamondbacks," Gibson said in a statement issued through the team. "I know we had a tough year and people will look at this

as a negative, but we accomplished a lot of good things here. I told the team that I have nothing but the utmost respect for this organization and the people

I've met along the way." Bench coach Alan Trammell was also let go on Friday. Gibson joined the Diamondbacks as a bench coach in 2007 and took

over as interim manager in July 2010. The Diamondbacks kept him on and the team went 94-68 to win the NL West in 2011, his first full year. Gibson and Trammell were teammates on the 1984 Detroit Tigers team that won the franchise's most recent World Series.

Arizona fired Kevin Towers as general manager earlier this month, long after it became clear that this was a lost season.

Injuries were a big part of the problem.

Star first baseman Paul Goldschmidt had his season ended after four months by a broken hand after he was hit by a pitch from Pittsburgh reliever Ernesto Frieri.

Slugger Mark Trumbo, the team's key offseason acquisition, missed about two months because of a stress fracture in his left foot, and before the season, the Diamondbacks lost starter Patrick Corbin to Tommy John surgery. □

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Jeter gets winning hit in Yankee Stadium finale

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AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Retiring Yankees captain Derek Jeter had a hard time stepping into the batter's box in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Overwhelmed by the outpouring of love from the fans over the past two weeks and all the final moments at Yankee Stadium in a 20-season career, the always cool Jeter was about to break down.

"I almost started crying driving here today," Jeter said after New York's 6-5 win over Baltimore. "I've done a pretty good job of controlling my emotions throughout the course of my career. ... Today I wasn't able to do it."

What he was able to do was give New York one more amazing moment in a career full of them, driving in the winning run in the ninth with — what else? — an opposite-field single to right field.

Jeter leaped high with both arms raised after touching first base, and was embraced by his teammates. The 14-time All-Star then lingered on the field, seemingly not wanting to give up the only job he ever hoped to have — shortstop for the New York Yankees. "Sort of an out-of-body experience," Jeter said.

Jeter's Core Four teammates — Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera and Jorge Posada — from five World Series championship teams joined their Hall of Fame manager Joe Torre and Tino Martinez and Bernie Williams on the field. Jeter's family also came out of the crowd at the urging of manager Joe Girardi.

And the fans chanted "Thank you, Derek!" and "De-rek Jeter!" as they have all the way through-

out the Yankees' last eight games in the Bronx for 2014.

Before he greeted his friends and family, Jeter took a stroll out to the spot between second and third base, waving to the crowd. In an image seen before nearly every one of his 1,391 games at Yankee Stadium, Jeter faced the outfield and crouched down for a moment of reflection.

"Basically, I just say thank you because this is all I ever wanted to do," Jeter said of his ritual.

But he wasn't done. The 40-year-old captain took one more walk to shortstop, this time covering his face with a towel for a moment or two as he took one last look around and acknowledged the crowd. "I want to take something special from Yankee Stadium, and the view from shortstop here tonight is what I want to take home from it," Jeter said.

The entire Orioles team watched the scene from the dugout.

"Our guys, everybody has a lot of respect for Derek



New York Yankees' Derek Jeter (2) is mobbed by teammates after driving in the winning run with a single against the Baltimore Orioles in the ninth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014, in New York. The Yankees won 6-5.

Associated Press

and what his career has been about," Baltimore manager Buck Showalter said. "We wish him well." Jeter said afterward he will not play shortstop over the weekend in his final three games at Boston. But he will serve as the designated hitter, he said.

Soon after, the grounds

crew was out, shoveling a layer of dirt from Jeter's favorite spot into orange buckets for the memorabilia market.

Jeter admitted after Wednesday's game the past couple of weeks were beginning to weigh on him and it showed. He appeared a bit stunned by

the 100 media members awaiting him at his locker and took several deep breaths when he settled in at shortstop before the first pitch.

"To be honest with you, I don't know how I played this game," Jeter said. "I went up my first at-bat, I forgot my elbow guard. I was

OF Bobby Abreu announces retirement

MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Bobby Abreu plans to retire after the season.

A reserve outfielder and pinch hitter with the Mets, the 40-year-old Abreu made the announcement Friday at Citi Field before New York's game against Houston.

Abreu was out of the majors last season, but played winter ball back home in Venezuela and went to spring training this

year with Philadelphia. After getting cut by the Phillies, he was picked up by the Mets and bounced back and forth from Triple-A Las Vegas and the big leagues a couple of times.

A two-time All-Star, Abreu has a .291 career batting average with 288 home runs and 1,363 RBIs. He has 2,469 hits and 400 stolen bases.

Abreu has drawn 1,475 walks — most among active players — to help him



New York Mets' Bobby Abreu (53) gestures at first base during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014, in Washington. The Nationals won 4-2. Mets

Associated Press

compile an outstanding .395 career on-base percentage.

He was hitting .246 this season with a homer and 14 RBIs in 130 at-bats. □

FIFA delegation to survey women's World Cup turfs

DANIELLA MATAR
Associated Press

ZURICH (AP) — FIFA will send an independent team to Canada to survey playing surfaces for the women's World Cup next year amid fierce protests over the tournament being played on artificial turf. A group of players led by United States forward Abby Wambach have been publicly protesting since last year and a lawyer representing the athletes tells The Associated Press he plans to take the matter to court in Canada next week.

In addition to their arguments that injuries are more likely and that the ball moves differently on artificial turf, the players say the issue is one of gender equity because men would never be asked to play World Cup matches on anything but real grass.

FIFA discussed the issue at an executive meeting on Friday, and ratified a decision to send an independent team to Canada to test the pitches and training fields to ensure they are up to standard. Rafael Salguero of Guatemala — one of the three delegates from



United States' Abby Wambach (20) looks on while scoring as Mexico defender Alina Garciamendez (4) falls in the first half of an international friendly game at Rio Tinto Stadium Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014, in Sandy, Utah. Associated Press

the CONCACAF region which includes the U.S. and Canada — added that the tournament will be "excellent."

In late July, the players joined in a letter of protest to FIFA and the Canadian Soccer Association,

saying that unless their concerns are addressed, legal action could be taken based on Canada's laws against gender-based discrimination.

FIFA rules stipulate that matches can be played on artificial turf if

special dispensation is granted, as it did in Canada's case. The regulations also state that all matches in a tournament must be played on the same surface.

Canada's bid for the event stipulated that the final be played at Vancouver's BC Place, which seats 55,000 and has an artificial turf.

Attorney Hampton Dellinger said the legal claim will be filed in the human rights tribunal of Ontario next week. Among the players joining Wambach in the action are Germany's Nadine Angerer, Brazil's Fabiana Da Silva Simoes and Spain's Veronica Boquete of Spain. "The discriminatory proposal of FIFA and the Canadian Soccer Association to stage the 2015 women's World Cup on artificial turf, coupled with their refusal to discuss ways to fix the mistake, have left the players with no choice. It is now time to ask the courts to stop FIFA and CSA from forcing elite athletes to compete under game-changing, dangerous and demeaning conditions," Dellinger said in an email to the AP on Friday. □

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Europe leads 5-3 after Day 1 of Ryder Cup

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AP Golf Writer

GLENEAGLES, Scotland (AP)

— The start of this Ryder Cup was a lot like how the last one ended.

European blue filled the scoreboard Friday afternoon at Gleneagles with strong finishes that Europe is renowned for in these matches. Rory McIlroy knocked in a 40-foot birdie putt across the 17th green, and Sergio Garcia followed with a 5-wood out of the rough and onto the 18th green to set up another birdie as they rallied to earn a halve that felt like it was worth much more.

As for the Americans?

They squandered a good start and faced another deficit, along with more questions about who played — and who didn't. Jordan Spieth and Patrick Reed made their Ryder Cup debut by handing European stalwart Ian Poulter his worst loss ever — and his first loss in eight matches — by building a 6-up lead through 11 holes and winning, 5 and 4, to take the early lead in morning fourballs matches.

That didn't last long — and neither did the young Americans. Spieth and Reed sat out in the afternoon.

Europe won three matches and halved the other — its best record ever in foursomes — to build a 5-3 lead. "For our guys to react the way they did, for all four matches to be up after six

holes — there was blue on the board for every single match — was a terrific response," captain Paul McGinley said. "It shows a huge amount of character that we have on the team, huge amount of talent that we can come out with such strong pairings in the afternoon and a great response and resilience."

Phil Mickelson and Keegan Bradley became the first U.S. partnership to start out 4-0 with a great finish of their own — Bradley's eagle putt on the 16th hole and Mickelson's timely tee shot that set up a birdie from the bunker on the 18th hole — to beat Garcia and McIlroy in fourballs.

But they faltered badly in foursomes, leading to some second-guessing of Watson's decision to send them out again and leave Spieth and Reed on the bench. Even the 65-year-old captain had his doubts.

"I thought at the time it was the best decision not to play them," Watson said. Spieth said he was told that the morning performance would dictate who played in the afternoon and he was "100 percent certain" he and Reed would be going back out. Reed pleaded his case with Watson, though both later said they were willing to do whatever Watson wanted.

"When I told Patrick that he wasn't going to play in the afternoon — it was comical at the time, not so

comical now — I said, 'How does that make you feel?' He said, 'Well, I'm all right with it.' He said, 'Well, really Captain, I'm not all right with it. I said, 'That's the way I want you to be.'

"You're going to be second-guessed," Watson said. "And obviously, you're going to second-guess me on that decision right there." McIlroy was on the verge of becoming the first No. 1 player in the world to lose both matches on the first day of the Ryder Cup since Tiger Woods in 2002. He came up with enough key shots and big putts — none bigger than on the 17th — to earn a half-point.

"For the team, it was huge," McIlroy said. "Personally for Sergio and I, just nice to be able to walk away from today with at least something."

They weren't Europe's biggest stars.

Justin Rose and Henrik Stenson, the leadoff match in the morning chill and a 20 mph wind, won both matches without trailing a single hole. Victor Dubuisson and Jamie Donaldson made strong rookie debuts for Europe.

Jimmy Walker and Rickie Fowler delivered momentum for the Americans in the morning and lost it in the afternoon. Walker twice holed out to win holes and picked up a vital half-point with a birdie on the 18th against U.S. Open champion Martin Kaymer and



Europe's Sergio Garcia and Rory McIlroy, front, line up a putt on the 15th green during the foursomes match on the first day of the Ryder Cup golf tournament at Gleneagles, Scotland, Friday, Sept. 26, 2014.

Associated Press

Thomas Bjorn. The American tandem had a 2-up lead against Garcia and McIlroy and couldn't hold it. Fowler's 15-footer to win the match on the 18th hole missed badly.

Europe hasn't lost on home soil since 1993 — the last time Watson was U.S. captain — and is coming off a victory two years ago at Medinah when they won the last two holes in three singles matches for the

greatest comeback by a visiting team.

One of the questions that week was whether Mickelson and Bradley, who had gone 3-0, should have sat out the final team sessions. This time, the question was whether Bradley and the 44-year-old Mickelson should have sat out in favor of the youngest pairing in Ryder Cup history — the 21-year-old Spieth and 24-year-old Reed. □

Logano

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Those achievements alone would be worth cracking into the victory lobster awarded at New Hampshire. But Logano capped his week with a contract extension with owner Roger Penske that will keep him behind the wheel of the No. 22 Ford for years.

"I feel like I've found myself a home over there," Logano said Friday at Dover.

Logano has blossomed in his second season at Penske. He has four Sprint Cup wins this season — at Texas Motor Speedway, Rich-

mond International Raceway, Bristol Motor Speedway and New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Penske said the 24-year-old Logano has been "everything we hoped he would be." Logano has grown into the monster expectations heaped on him as a young prospect when he was considered one of the most talented drivers to come along in NASCAR. He earned the "Sliced Bread" moniker because he was considered, "the next best thing since ..."

He'd risen rapidly through the racing ranks with the financial backing from his father, Tom, who used

funds from the family's Connecticut waste management company to help his two children pursue their dreams.

The hype surrounding Logano was at surreal levels long before he ever got to NASCAR, and by the time he made his 2008 debut with Joe Gibbs Racing just days after his 18th birthday, milestone victories and multiple championships already were being predicted.

JGR's plan was to ease him into the top level, give him a year or two in the Nationwide Series to adapt to stock cars and learn his way around the circuit.

That was all fast-forwarded when two-time Cup champion Tony Stewart opted out at JGR and the team had an open seat to fill.

Enter Logano.

He won a rain-shortened race at New Hampshire in his first full season in 2009 and took the checkered flag at Pocono in 2012. But he failed to flash much championship potential and, suddenly, a driver with so much early promise and potential was in danger of losing his seat. When 2003 champion Matt Kenseth was available for 2013, Logano was out of a ride at JGR. Gibbs dumped him and kept the Home Depot

sponsorship on the No. 20. Logano latched on with Penske and won a race last season with 11 top fives — nearly as many as he had in his first four years (16).

He's now a bona fide championship contender. "Only a couple of years ago, I really didn't have a job," Logano said. "It was like, 'Oh boy, what am I going to do? Am I going to race the rest of my life? What's Plan B?' And all of a sudden, I'm sitting in a really good position."

From sliced bread to rolling in dough, the good times continued for Logano with a multiyear extension. □

NFL Preview

Soaring Eagles facing struggling 49ers

The Associated Press

The Philadelphia Eagles have soared so far this season, especially in the second half. The San Francisco 49ers would prefer to stick with 30-minute games. They go into their NFL game on Sunday as mirror opposites.

The Niners have started fast and then wilted in the second half, outscoring opponents 59-16 in the first half only to have it reversed in the second when they have been beaten 52-3. The Eagles, on the other hand, have become the first team to start 3-0 after trailing by at least 10 points in each game. They've done it by outscoring the opponents 74-24 after half-time.

"One thing I stated to our coaches at the beginning of the year ... the only thing you didn't know going into the season is how would they handle adversity," Eagles coach Chip Kelly said. "And they handled it very well. No one blinked. No one flinches when we get in the situations that we've been in in the first three games. They know we've got to play a full 60

minutes."

The 49ers know that, too. The problem is, they've failed miserably at it.

"We have the guys to do anything we want," receiver Stevie Johnson said. "We just have to play two halves instead of one."

The 49ers have also been done in by their own mistakes, most notably with a league-worst 36 penalties.

"The frustrating part is not being able to get into a rhythm," linebacker Michael Wilhoite said. "Another penalty? Now what was called?"

Meanwhile, wide receiver Steve Smith plans to make life miserable for his former Carolina Panthers teammates when they visit the Baltimore Ravens. Following a 13-year run in Carolina, Smith was released in March, and signed the next day by Baltimore. The 35-year-old is averaging 16.1 yards for 18 catches, including an 80-yard touchdown.

"When I'm on your team, you love me," Smith said. "When I'm not on your team, you despise me."

The Green Bay Packers go to the Chicago Bears to



Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Jeremy Maclin makes a touchdown reception on a pass from quarterback Nick Foles during the second half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins, Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, in Philadelphia.
Associated Press

crank up the NFL's oldest rivalry for the 187th regular-season meeting, but both teams have tons of question marks.

Chicago can't run the ball,

which puts an extra burden on Jay Cutler and his targets: wide receivers Brandon Marshall and Alshon Jeffery, tight end Martellus Bennett. So far, they have

handled the challenge well.

Green Bay also can't run, and the protection for Aaron Rodgers has been inconsistent. Even with his escapability, Rodgers has been sacked nine times.

Dallas has awakened on offense in the past two weeks behind running back DeMarco Murray. He has three straight 100-yard games and a touchdown in each. The ground approach not only helps quarterback Tony Romo, it keeps the Cowboys' so-so defense on the sideline.

That would be a good idea against the New Orleans Saints, who seem ripe for an offensive explosion. Dallas must show it can slow down tight end Jimmy Graham, a matchup nightmare for everyone, and especially for this defense.

Also on Sunday, it's Miami vs. Oakland in London, Tennessee at Indianapolis, Buffalo at Houston, Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, Jacksonville at San Diego, Detroit at the New York Jets, and Atlanta at Minnesota.

The Monday game has New England at Kansas City. □



Washington Redskins inside linebacker Keenan Robinson (52) loses his helmet as he tries to stop New York Giants running back Rashad Jennings (23) during the first half of an NFL football game in Landover, Md., Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014.

Associated Press

JOSEPH WHITE

AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Maryland (AP)

— New York tight end Larry Donnell caught three scoring passes from quarterback Eli Manning in the first half to set up the Giants'

45-14 win over the Washington Redskins on Thursday.

Manning completed 28 for 39 passes for 300 yards with four touchdowns and one interception. He also ran for a touchdown from the

NFL Roundup Donnell catches on as Giants rout Redskins 45-14

1-yard line, and Andre Williams also ran for a score.

Donnell finished with seven catches for 54 yards. He had only one career touchdown catch entering the game, but he now leads the Giants this season in TD catches (4) and overall receptions (25). Daniel Fells had a 2-yard scoring catch in the third quarter, which means tight ends have snagged seven of Manning's nine TD passes this season.

New York's Victor Cruz added six receptions for 108 yards, his second consecutive 100-yard game. Redskins quarterback Kirk Cousins and his receivers weren't anywhere near

as efficient for the home team, who were undone by six turnovers that led to 31 points for the Giants. A strip-sack by Mathias Kiwanuka set up New York's first touchdown, Trumaine McBride's strip of tight end Logan Paulsen after a catch ended a Washington drive deep in New York territory, and Prince Amukamara, Quinten Demps, McBride and Antrel Rolle intercepted Cousins' passes in the second half.

Cousins — who has the starting QB job while Robert Griffin III recovers from a dislocated ankle — finished 19 for 33 for 257 yards with four interceptions and a fumble.

The Redskins, under first-year coach Jay Gruden, dropped to 1-3 and into the cellar in the NFC East, already 2-1/2 games behind unbeaten Philadelphia. Cousins threw three interceptions in a span of five attempts in the second half. Donnell became the first Giants player with three touchdown catches in a half since Amani Toomer in the 2002-03 season, according to STATS.

Redskins tight end Niles Paul left the game in the first half after a nasty helmet-to-helmet hit and Washington also lost left tackle Trent Williams to a strained knee in the second half. □

Constant phone calls allowed on European flights

DAVID RISING

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — European skies may soon be alive with the sound of small talk with new safety rules allowing the use of all portable electronics, including cell phones, at any time during flights.

Under the guidelines issued Friday by the European Aviation Safety Agency, European airlines can allow passengers to use electronics during the entire flight, without putting them into "airplane mode."

"We're basically opening the door where, in theory, you'll be able to continue making your phone call through the gate throughout the flight ... like you would on a train," spokesman Ilias Maragakis told The Associated Press.

Standing in the way is the difficulty of getting a cell phone signal at high altitudes, and also how passengers will react to the thought of sitting next to a chatterbox across the Atlantic.

That'll be up to the airlines to figure out as they implement the new rules. In most European trains, for example, there are "silent" cars

where talking on phones is prohibited but it seems unlikely a scheme like that would work on anything but the largest jets.

In addition to phones, the guidelines apply to all other portable electronics, in-

a European-based carrier, no matter where the flight originates.

Airlines will now need to decide what devices they will allow and how they will allow them to be used. In practice, that will likely

upon the aircraft type. Older models would require more modifications to make sure the use of handsets is safe.

"Basically we are saying you can have it switched on, and it's up to the airline

altitudes through satellite connections. Once again, it will be up to airlines to decide whether to allow passengers' handsets to connect to that system, and whether to charge for the service.

EASA's previous guidance, from last year, allowed electronic devices for almost the whole flight, so long as they were in "airplane mode," which keeps them from transmitting signals.

Similarly, the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration last year lifted its own restrictions on the use of most personal electronic devices during takeoffs and landings — but not cellphone calls, which fall under the Federal Communications Commission. Passengers were also told to keep the devices on "airplane mode."

Before that, the FAA long had barred the use of electronic devices below 10,000 feet (3,048 meters) because of concern they could cause electronic interference with aircraft systems during landings, the phase of flight when accidents are most likely to occur. □



In this Thursday, April 15, 2010 file photo, grounded aircraft are seen at Belfast City airport, Northern Ireland.

Associated Press

cluding book readers, tablet computers, mp3 players and other devices.

EASA, which is based in Cologne, Germany, said the new rules are effective immediately and apply to any airplane operated by

take several months as airlines will first have to certify that their planes aren't affected by transmission signals.

EASA cautioned that even within airlines, the devices allowed could depend

first to allow you," Maragakis said. He declined to say what, if any, airlines intended to offer gate-to-gate handset use.

Technically, internet and phone use is already possible on airplanes at high

Global solar flight to start, end in Abu Dhabi

ADAM SCHRECK

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A Swiss-made solar-powered aircraft will start and attempt to finish its first round-the-world flight from the United Arab Emirates capital of Abu Dhabi, a government-backed renewable energy company in the oil-rich Gulf federation said Thursday.

The choice of Abu Dhabi as the launch site for the historic journey is likely to bolster the wealthy emirate's efforts to position itself as a champion of renewable energy. It controls the bulk of the vast petroleum reserves in the Emirates, a seven-state federation that ranks among the larg-

est oil exporters in OPEC.

Masdar, the Abu Dhabi government's clean-energy company, said the Solar Impulse 2 plane will attempt its historic journey in March.

Project founders Bertrand Piccard and Andre Borschberg hope to complete the journey over four or five months, including stopovers in Asia, North America and either Europe or North Africa.

Some legs of the trip, such as over the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, could involve five or six straight days of flying.

"We have chosen this location as being the best and most suitable departure and return point for the round-the-world tour,

due to its climate, infrastructure and commitment to clean technologies," Borschberg said in a statement.

The project team will arrive in Abu Dhabi in January and spend two months training and testing with Masdar before takeoff, the Emirati company said. It hopes the plane's stay will boost young Emiratis' interest in fields such as aeronautics and renewable energy.

The Solar Impulse 2 was unveiled in April and is a larger version of a single-seat prototype that first flew five years ago. The founders say the plane in theory can stay airborne indefinitely by soaking up sunlight using some 17,200



In this Monday, June 2, 2014 file photo, German test pilot Markus Scherdel steers the solar-powered Solar Impulse 2 aircraft for its maiden flight at its base in Payerne, Switzerland.

Associated Press

solar cells arrayed on wings that span 72 meters (236 feet).

It made a 2 hour and 17 minute inaugural flight above western Switzerland in June.

Abu Dhabi has pumped billions of dollars into low-carbon energy initiatives in recent years and is trying to reduce the share of

its electricity supply that comes from fossil fuels, primarily by developing solar and nuclear power projects. The city is home to the International Renewable Energy Agency, and its Masdar project is developing what aims to be an environmentally sustainable model city in the desert. □

Stocks end rocky week with a surge; Nike gains

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Good economic and corporate news helped the stock market stage a rebound at the end of a turbulent week of trading. Nike jumped after turning in higher profits, leading the Dow Jones in-

ter yesterday, it's only normal to get a little bit back because people tend to buy on the dips," said Jason Pride, director of investment strategy at Glenmede Trust.

The Dow surged 167.35 points, or 1 percent, to close at 17,113.15 on Fri-

day. The S&P 500 index rose 16.86 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,982.85 and the Nasdaq composite climbed 45.45 points, or 1 percent, to 4,512.19.

The day started with good news. The government reported that the U.S. economy expanded at an annual rate of 4.6 percent in the spring, the fastest pace in more than two years. That

was followed by a strong reading of consumer sentiment this month. Nike jumped 12 percent after reporting that solid sales and lower taxes helped drive its quarterly profit up 23 percent. Both its earnings and revenue beat Wall Street's estimates.

The sudden turbulence comes as investors speculate over the Federal Reserve's next steps. Economists expect the Fed to raise its benchmark short-term interest rate next year, but nobody is sure exactly when. The Fed hasn't raised that rate since June 2006. "We're getting closer and closer to the Fed's first rate hike," said Russ Koesterich, global chief investment strategist at the money manager BlackRock. "All that liquidity that the Fed created curbed volatility. As that liquidity recedes, volatility rises back to normal. We're just starting to get a taste of what normal is like."

Pride said he expects the market to resume its climb as the economy improves. "I think we'll continue to grind higher because the economic momentum is still there," he said.

Among other companies in the news, Janus's stock soared 43 percent following news that famed bond-fund manager Bill Gross, a founder of bond giant Pimco, is leaving to join the firm. Janus said Gross, who ran the world's largest bond fund, starts work next Monday. Janus jumped \$4.78 to \$15.89.

An investment fund with a stake in Yahoo sent a letter to Yahoo's CEO urging the company to consider merging with AOL. Jeffrey Smith, who heads Starboard Value, wrote that a deal could save as much as \$1 billion and create a

PIMCO's Founder, 'Bond King,' said pressured to leave

MATTHEW GOLDSTEIN
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William H. Gross appears to have jumped before he could be pushed out at PIMCO, the big money management firm he helped build from scratch. The decision on Friday by Gross, who has been called "the bond king," to quit the firm he founded and join Janus Capital comes after weeks of behind the scenes discussions to replace him. A person briefed on the matter - but not authorized to discuss the matter publicly - said a decision had been made at PIMCO for Gross to leave or be forced out.

Gross, 70, apparently beat an official announcement by PIMCO and its parent Allianz by handing in his resignation Friday morning at the same time as an announcement by Janus that he was joining that firm.

Over the past several months, Gross has threatened to resign from PIMCO, the person briefed on the matter said. Gross' recent behavior - showing up at a mutual fund industry forum to give an address wearing sunglasses and penning a monthly investor letter that was essentially an ode to his dead cat - has also drawn scrutiny.

Still, the surprising departure comes after months of questions about his leadership style and his funds' performance as investors pulled money out of PIMCO. The questions about Gross' management style, which sometimes included outbursts, is one of the things that led to the discussion about his eventual departure.

In addition, the Securities and Exchange Commission has begun an inquiry into whether a \$3.6 billion exchange traded fund actively managed by Gross inflated its performance numbers. The firm, sometime Friday, was expected to detail its plans for who would replace Gross as chief investment officer of PIMCO and head of the \$222 billion Total Return Fund, one of the world's largest bond mutual funds.



Trader Dudley Devine, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Good economic and corporate news helped the stock market stage a rebound at the end of a turbulent week of trading.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

dustrial average higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index, the benchmark for most mutual funds, still lost 1.4 percent for the week. The biggest drop came Thursday, the worst day for the stock market since July 31.

A steep drop one day is often followed by gains the next as investors hunt for beaten-down stocks. "Af-

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Nike's stock gained \$9.75 to \$89.50, the largest gain among the 30 big companies in the Dow.

It was a roller coaster of a week. The Dow swung more than 100 points on all five days. The turbulence broke a long period in which the stock market rarely made a big move. Many investment strategists said investors should get used to it.

BlackBerry posts \$207 million loss for Q2

TORONTO (AP) — BlackBerry posted a loss of \$207 million in the second quarter on Friday just days after the embattled company launched a new phone. The Canadian company said it lost two cents per share on an adjusted basis on revenue of \$916 million. The loss was smaller than its loss of \$965 million a year ago.

Analysts surveyed by FactSet had expected a loss of 15 cents on higher sales of \$951 million.

Earlier this week, Chief Ex-

ecutive John Chen unveiled a large-screen, square sized phone called the Passport to a Toronto audience.

No launch event was held in the U. S. where analysts say there is little demand or carrier interest.

BlackBerry has increasingly lost relevance as a smart-phone company in the years since the 2007 launch of Apple's touchscreen iPhone and the 2008 introduction of Google-powered Android phones.

Chen said on a confer-

ence call with analysts that BlackBerry is "definitely in the first half" of an eight quarter turnaround.

"We might not be at the lowest point but we are near the bottoming out of this revenue," Chen said. Chen, who became CEO 10 months ago after a failed sale attempt, reiterated that he wants the company to return to profit by the end of the fiscal year in February 2015.

Since taking over, Chen has been putting more emphasis on BlackBerry's mobile

device management business, a collection of software that allows IT departments to manage different devices connected to their corporate networks. He has also emphasized messaging service as well as BlackBerry's embedded QNX software systems, which are used in-vehicle infotainment systems and industrial machines.

Shares of BlackBerry fell 16 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$9.64 in premarket trading shortly before the market opening Friday.

Chiquita, Irish importer Fyffes alter merger deal

The Associated Press

Changes to the proposed merger between Chiquita and the Irish fruit importer Fyffes will give Chiquita shareholders a larger stake in what would become the world's largest banana supplier.

The companies said Friday that shareholders of Chiquita Brands International Inc. will own nearly a 60 percent stake in the combined company under the revised all-stock deal, up from about 51 percent. Fyffes PLC shareholders

will see their stake drop to about 40 percent, from more than 49 percent.

The boards of both companies have approved the revised deal, but shareholders still have to vote on it. Chiquita and Fyffes announced their agreement last March.

The new company will be incorporated in Dublin, where Fyffes is headquartered. Chiquita is based in Charlotte, North Carolina. Chiquita and Fyffes said last week that they may make some concessions

in their agreement to ensure that it is approved by European regulators. Fyffes spokesman Seamus Keenan said the deal revision announced Friday had nothing to do with that.

He also said the revision was not motivated by new regulations announced this week by the U.S. Treasury Department that are designed to make overseas maneuvers like the Chiquita-Fyffes deal less lucrative. Under a so-called "inversion," a U.S. business will

reincorporate in another country after combining with a foreign company. It is then possible to lower the U.S. tax rate of the company.

The practice has become a hot-button issue. Critics, including high-ranking lawmakers, have said that inversions create a heavier tax burden for others. Keenan said in an email the merger "is not a tax based or driven transaction."

The companies also said Friday that they've agreed to increase the breakup fee

Fyffes is paid if the deal is not completed.

Chiquita is still talking with two Brazilian companies that have offered to buy the U.S. banana company for \$611 million.

Chiquita said earlier this month that it would open its books to the investment firm Safra Group and the juice company Cutrale Group.

Chiquita shares closed at \$14 on Thursday and have climbed nearly 20 percent so far this year.

Intel invests up to \$1.5B in China mobile venture

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)

— Intel will pay up to \$1.5 billion for a 20 percent stake in a Chinese venture that will design and make Intel-branded chips for mobile phones and other electronics.

The Chinese chipmakers Spreadtrum Communications and RDA Microelectronics are controlled by Tsinghua Unigroup Ltd., a state-owned company funded by Tsinghua University in Beijing.

Intel is also attempting to become a tougher competitor in the mobile chip business, which it has been unable to dominate the way it has desktop and laptop computers. The company is also pushing for a larger share of China's growing mobile market, which is already the largest in the world.

The push has taken on added urgency as the

popularity of smartphones and tablets and led to

sales declines for traditional personal computers, Intel's

main business for years.

The companies said Friday



The Intel logo is displayed on the exterior of Intel headquarters in Santa Clara, Calif. Intel Corp., says it will invest up to 9 billion yuan (US\$1.5 billion) to take a 20 percent stake in Chinese chipmakers Spreadtrum Communications and RDA Microelectronics, which are controlled by Tsinghua Unigroup Ltd., a state-owned company funded by Tsinghua University.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

that Spreadtrum and Intel will create a new family of chips for wireless phones. Those chips should be available in the second half of next year.

The deal is expected to close in early 2015.

This is Intel's second corporate team-up targeting mobile chips in the past year. In May, Intel announced it would cooperate with another Chinese chipmaker, Rockchip, to use Intel chips in low-cost tablet computers running the Android operating system.

Tsinghua has rapidly become an emerging power in the mobile chip business. It has acquired both Spreadtrum and RDA in the past year.

Shares of Intel Corp., based in Santa Clara, California, slipped 13 cents to \$34.01 in morning trading Friday. They had been trading near 52-week highs.

Activist investor pushes Yahoo to buy rival AOL

MICHAEL LIETKE

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer is getting some unsolicited advice on how to turn around the long-struggling Internet company, just like some of her predecessors who tangled with investors dissatisfied with management's performance.

In a letter on Friday, activist investor Jeffrey Smith urged Yahoo Inc. to buy another fallen Internet star, AOL Inc.

and take steps to reduce the future taxes on the company's lucrative stake in China's Alibaba Group. He also chastised Mayer for spending \$1.3 billion to acquire an Internet blogging service and more than two dozen other startups during the past two years with little to show in return so far.

To bolster his arguments, Smith says he has built a "significant" stake in Yahoo through Starboard Value LP. The size of the stake

wasn't quantified in Friday's letter and hasn't yet been divulged in regulatory filings.

The idea of Yahoo and AOL is getting together isn't a new one. Various analysts and other Internet observers have argued a marriage between the two companies would allow them to cut costs, attract more Web surfers and, most importantly, strengthen their online advertising arsenal

to improve their chances of competing against Internet stalwarts Google Inc. and Facebook Inc.

"It makes a lot of sense," said BGC Financial Partners Colin Gillis.

Yahoo and AOL didn't respond to requests for comment Friday.

The prospect of a change in Yahoo's recent direction seemed to excite investors. Yahoo's stock rose \$1.74, or 4.5 percent, to \$40.69 in Friday's afternoon trading.

AOL's stock added \$1.53, or 3.6 percent, to \$44.50 as investors reacted to a potential buyout bid.

Smith previously agitated for change at AOL in 2012 after he acquired a 5.3 percent stake in that company and mounted an unsuccessful campaign to win three board seats. He didn't express any interest in trying to replace anyone on Yahoo's nine-member board, which includes Mayer.

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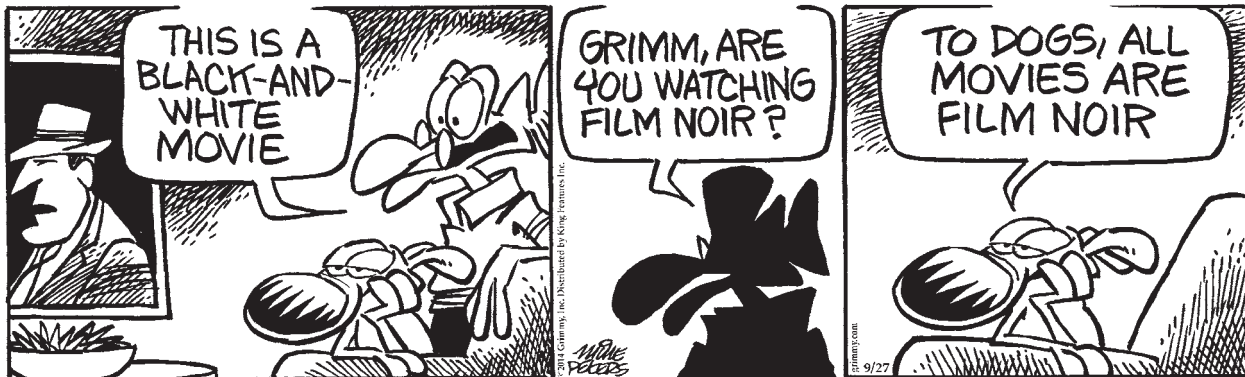
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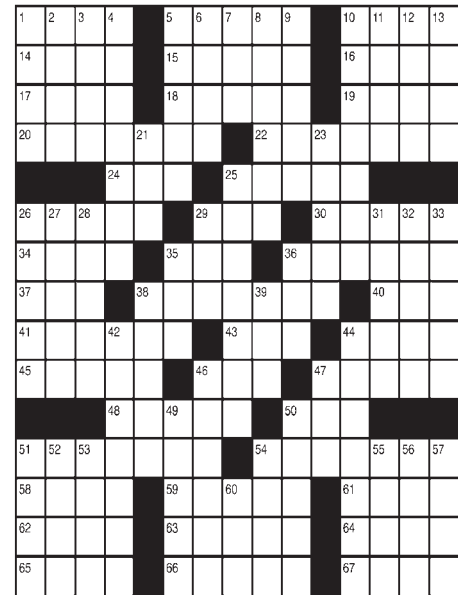
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- Café lists
- Epic by Homer
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- Rosary pieces
- Late actor Foxx
- Traitor
- Bit of corn
- Pennsylvania or 5th; abbr.
- Figures out
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- Go quickly
- Alexander Graham __
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Western Muslims, troubled, rally against extremism

LORI HINNANT
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — In tweets, in street gatherings and in open letters, moderate Muslims around the world are insisting that Islamic State extremists don't speak for their religion. Many are also frustrated that anyone might think they do, and a backlash has already begun.

This week's videotaped beheading of a French mountaineer by militants linked to the Islamic State group prompted heartsick fury among Muslims in France and elsewhere in Europe, torn between anger at the atrocities committed in the name of Islam and frustration that they have to defend themselves at all.

Herve Gourdel was the fifth Western hostage decapitated in recent weeks by Islamic extremists — this time, the militants said, as revenge for France's decision to join airstrikes against the Islamic State group.

The head of France's largest mosque called for Muslims to rally Friday in Paris to condemn Gourdel's slaying and show unity against terrorism, saying Islamic State's "deadly ideology" had nothing to do with Islam. Within hours of the call, the rector of the Bordeaux mosque, Tareq Oubrou, said French Muslims need not demonstrate in the name of Islam — but should be joined by everyone.

"They are doubly affected, because this crime touched one of our countrymen and because this crime was carried out in the name of our religion," Oubrou told RTL radio.

The same debate played out elsewhere. The hashtag campaign #notinmyname — or #pasenmonnom in French — initiated by British Muslims who wanted to show their opposition to extremist violence, spawned a #MuslimApologies backlash by those who thought the sense of regret was overwrought. Tweets "apologized" for algebra, soap and coffee.

"Nowhere does the Quran say other religions or nations must be attacked.

Cutting people's heads off is really the most despicable. If airstrikes can stop these fundamentalist, aggressive ideas from spreading, I am all for it," said 65-year-old Enes Mustafic. Another congregant, Omer Jamak, questioned the devotion and even sanity of anyone who thought otherwise.

"According to Islam, nobody is allowed to be evil to others. Nobody has the right to do such a thing. I am against everything they do down there like every sane person is," Jamak said. An online poll posted by France's Le Figaro newspaper, asking whether people thought the country's Muslim community had sufficiently denounced Gourdel's death, drew an infuriated response. Rachida Dati, the mayor of Paris' 7th arrondissement and the daughter of Algerian immigrants, called for an end to the "confounding of Islam and fundamentalism, as the French political class has done for too long." The paper on Friday apologized for what it called a "clumsy" question.

Dawud Walid, director of the Michigan chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said headlines about the Islamic State were often frustrating in his work. Walid said he's been speaking out against excessive force by police after the fatal shooting of a young black man in Ferguson, Missouri.

"I received calls and emails from fellow Americans who say, 'Why are you worried about what's going in Ferguson? Stop ISIS.' That is ridiculous," said Walid, a black Muslim.

"My primary responsibility as an American citizen is to try to make America more of a just place," Walid said. "People in Iraq and Syria can't even fix their own problems. What am I supposed to be doing from Detroit?"

Still, the banner at Friday's gathering in Paris honoring Gourdel was emblazoned with "Not in My Name" and many in the crowd of about 500 said they were dismayed and appalled.

"We all gathered today ... to tell people, you want to convert, that's very good, but do it for your faith, because you want to convert and because you appreciate this religion. Don't do it to go fight, to go kill people because it is not what Islam says," said Nadir M'Sallaoui, a 27-year-old Parisian.

U.S. Muslim leaders and scholars issued an open letter Wednesday denouncing Islamic State militants point by point, notably on "the killing of innocents" and jihad.

Muqtadar Khan, professor of political science at the University of Delaware and author of "American Muslims, Bridging Faith and Freedom," said Muslim condemnations after the 9/11 attacks failed to dent the reach of extremists.

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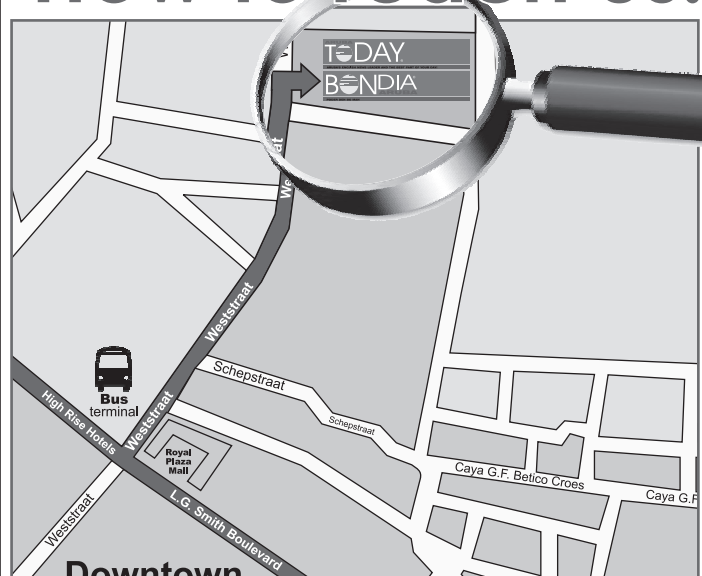
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Expanded U.S. ocean preserve to be world's largest

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NEW YORK (AP) — Far off America's shores, an ocean preserve flush with rare seabirds, turtles and marine mammals will grow to roughly three times the size of California under a memorandum that President Barack Obama signed Thursday.

The expanded Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument will cover 490,000 square miles (1.2 million sq. kilometers), making it the largest marine preserve in the world, the White House said. The move puts the remote waters surrounding a collection of islands off-limits to drilling and most fishing in a bid to protect fragile underwater life.

"This really is a matter of stewardship. It's also a matter of generational responsibility," Secretary of State John Kerry said Thursday. "We have a responsibility to make sure our kids and their families and the future has the same ocean to serve it in the same way as we have — not to be abused, but to preserve and utilize."

Millions of marine animals live in the bio-rich expanse included by the new monument, which will also add new protections for more than 130 "seamounts" — underwater mountains where rare or undiscovered species are frequently found. Commercial fishing, deep-sea mining and other extraction of underwater resources will be banned, but recreational fishing will still be allowed, in an attempt to preserve the public's access to federal areas.

The move to broaden the

George W. Bush-era preserve comes as Obama seeks to show concrete presidential action to protect the environment,



In this photo released by NOAA, Rose Island, seen here from outside the atoll rim, is one of two small islands within the lagoon of Rose Atoll in American Samoa in this photo, date unknown.

despite firm opposition in Congress to new environmental legislation. At the United Nations this week, Obama announced new U.S. commitments to help other nations deal with the effects of climate change, as world leaders seek to galvanize support for a major global climate treaty to be finalized next year in Paris.

Yet the expansion falls far short of what Obama could have done in the Pacific had he used the full extent of his powers. Maritime law gives the U.S. control up to 200 nautical miles from the coast. Under Bush, the U.S. set aside

waters extending about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from the shore of the remote, U.S.-administered islands in the south-central Pacific,

ing the preserve to the full 200 miles (320 kilometers) — but only for three of the five regions. Had Obama expanded

thousands of miles from the American mainland.

The islands sit between Hawaii and American Samoa and are divided into five regions. Obama is extend-

the preserve in all five regions, he could have protected more than 780,000 square miles (2 million sq. kilometers), according to a geographic analysis by the

Pew Charitable Trusts. Still, environmental groups cheered the announcement and said they hoped it would spur other nations to take similar steps to preserve the world's oceans.

"The president acted expeditiously, while the area is still largely pristine and undisturbed," said Frances Beinecke, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Obama signed the memorandum on Thursday, the White House said, shortly before the president returns to Washington after three days of meetings with world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly. Obama first signaled his intent to expand the monument in June and asked for input on the final boundaries from fishermen, lawmakers and scientists. Officials said they received more than 170,000 electronic comments on the proposal.

While a major symbolic victory for environmentalists, who long urged Obama to take this step, the designation will have limited practical implications. That's because little fishing or drilling are taking place in the region even without the new protections. □

European Space Agency sets date for comet landing



In this Aug. 3, 2014 file photo taken by Rosetta's OSIRIS narrow-angle camera Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko is pictured from a distance of 285 kms.

BERLIN (AP) — The European Space Agency says it will attempt to land the first spacecraft on a com-

et on Nov. 12. It says the maneuver will take about seven hours starting from the moment

its unmanned probe Rosetta releases the 100-kilo-gram lander at 0835 GMT (0335 EST).

Because of the 28 minutes it takes the signal to travel back to Earth, confirmation of a successful landing won't arrive until about shortly after 1600 GMT (1100 EST).

ESA said in a statement Friday that it has a backup plan in case of a problem with the preferred landing site.

Scientists hope the decade-long mission to examine comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko will help them learn more about the origins and evolution of objects in the universe. □



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Lee Ann Womack chasing happiness over hits

CHRIS TALBOTT
AP Music Writer

After 15 years of channeling commercial country music, Lee Ann Womack is channeling something new: The music she's always wanted to make. With the release this week of country covers record "The Way I'm Livin'," the singer with the soul-moving voice is aiming for something very different from what's typically played on country radio, tapping a diverse group of artists who are not part of the Music Row songwriting machine. "Being in the commercial game ... you have people coming to you going, 'We gotta have that hit, you've got to be commercial.' All of those things," Womack said. "It can be very frustrating because you have music inside you that you want to make." "The Way I'm Livin'" features the work of singer-songwriters like Buddy

Miller, Hayes Carll, Chris Knight, Bruce Robison, Mindy Smith and Neil Young, making for a mix that's far from mainstream country. Times have changed greatly since Womack's last release, 2008's "Call Me Crazy." Womack won a Grammy Award and trophies from the Country Music Association and the Academy of Country Music in the mid-2000s, but in this time of party boys and pickup trucks, she now fits more snugly in the traditional country-adjacent Americana category. Womack chose and recorded the 13 songs on "Livin'" with the help of her husband, producer Frank Liddell. It's something they've worked on off and on for the length of their relationship, but it wasn't until the final album of her contract with MCA Nashville was shelved that she was free to pursue her own musical ambition.

"Boy, when I fulfilled my contract with the major label, I was like," Womack says as she lets out a sigh. "I had all this music for so long I had been wanting to make. I would look around me and ... be surrounded by all my peers, but then look over there and see Buddy Miller and go, 'Some day.' Now this is that day." Raised in Jacksonville, Texas, on a steady drip of George Jones and his traditional country peers, the 48-year-old singer said she decided she was done chasing pop hits and instead went looking for the same kind of authenticity and emotion she heard on the radio growing up. Womack attempts to make each song her own. She tinkers with the point of view on "Send It On Down" by switching the narrator's gender, adding more weight to the song's inspirational message. She



In this Sept. 16, 2014 photo, Lee Ann Womack poses for a portrait in Nashville, Tenn, to promote her latest album, "The Way I'm Livin'." Associated Press

slows down Young's "Out on the Weekend" — one of Liddell's favorites — giving it a wistful, weary feel. She knows the songs won't get country radio airplay, but she still feels she's right at the heart of what she thinks of as country music. "I don't think country music has changed," she said. "I think what's called country

music, what's marketed as country music, has definitely changed. Nothing wrong with that. There's a lot of people that want to hear that. I am a lover of real country music, what I think is hardcore country music. And I miss that. And I see people all the time that also miss it. So I put a lot of that on this record." □

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'Gone With the Wind' at 75: Celebration, censure

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — As its 75th anniversary approaches, "Gone With the Wind" is again being celebrated as a timeless movie classic. But now, even the film's distributor acknowledges the Civil War epic's portrayal of slavery is dated and inaccurate. "Gone With the Wind" will be screened this weekend in 650 theaters nationwide, broadcast Monday by Turner Classic Movies and reissued Tuesday in a lavish home-video box set, including a music box, an embroidered handkerchief and more than 8 hours of bonus features. To produce something new for yet another "GWTW" box set, Warner Bros. Home Entertainment brought in filmmaker and historian Gary Leva. "'There's been a ton of stuff about the making of the film,'" Leva recalls the studio telling him. "'Can you give us a deeper look at how the movie portrays the Civil War?'" Leva responded with the 30-minute documentary "Old South/New South," which drew a surprisingly frank conclusion for a studio-commissioned commemorative project: One

of the world's all-time great films also has great shortcomings. In the documentary, which is included in the box sets out Tuesday, historians discuss how the film has perpetuated mythology dubbed "The Lost Cause," which proposes Southern involvement in the Civil War was solely for noble reasons, including defense of states' rights. "But when you get right down to it, what state right are you talking about?" asks University of North Carolina history professor David Goldfield in the Leva film. "You're talking about the right of individuals to own slaves." Based on Margaret Mitchell's 1936 best-seller, "Gone With the Wind" is fiction, about a spoiled Old South socialite, Scarlett O'Hara. But the real-life war that serves as her story's backdrop looms too large in the film for many to overlook. "(Slavery) is such a component of the movie, and the characters who you are rooting for are oblivious," noted film critic and TCM host Ben Mankiewicz. Actress Hattie McDaniel, who played Scarlett's devoted nanny Mammy, a slave, became the first African-American actor to be

nominated for and win an Academy Award. Nevertheless, the film's portrayal of black characters has been criticized ever since the world premiere in Atlanta on Dec. 13, 1939. "In 'Gone With the Wind,' slavery is portrayed in the

grittier, more honest view of slavery in films such as "12 Years a Slave" and "Django Unchained." "Compare 'Gone With the Wind' and 'Django' — very different films about the same period of time, with a lot of the same imagery,

tation in flames, is a direct reference to "Gone With the Wind." But she added "GWTW" "has a really important place in the history of filmmaking, and in the history of African-Americans at the Oscars, in the history of messaging and how we portray history. And all of that is worth talking about." Leva, a Texan who said he considers himself a Southerner, acknowledged he's conflicted over "Gone With the Wind." "For me, as a film, just looking at it cinematically, it is a masterpiece," said Leva. "But politically? ... If you were to do the film today, you wouldn't make the film nearly as romantic. You'd make the film much grittier. And you could show, I think, in a balanced way, that some Southern slave owners were, perhaps, kind human beings, and some of them were brutal." And that's precisely what director Steve McQueen did with this year's best picture Oscar-winner, "12 Years a Slave." "The fact that the 75th anniversary of 'Gone With the Wind' comes in the same year that '12 Years a Slave' wins — it makes it, for a change, a little bit simple," Mankiewicz said. □



This photo provided by Warner Bros. Home Entertainment shows Clark Gable, left, as Rhett Butler, and Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara in a scene from the film, "Gone With the Wind."

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most benevolent terms," Leva said. "Characters like Mammy are looked at like family members. And there's no hint at any sort of wrongdoing — the slave masters do nothing in the film that seems inappropriate." At least the movie got one thing right: Tomorrow is, indeed, another day; Hollywood is finally offering a

dealt with in very different ways," observed actress Kerry Washington. The "Scandal" star is one of the leads in 2012's "Django," Quentin Tarantino's violent pre-Civil War saga, which includes such scenes as an owner forcing his slaves into gruesome death matches. Washington said the final scene in "Django," a plan-

Sheila E. wants to write more, expand book to film



In this Sept. 2, 2014 file photo, Grammy-nominated singer, Sheila E poses for a portrait in support of her new album "The Beat of My Own Drum" released, Tues., Sept. 2, 2014 in New York.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Days before the release of Sheila E.'s autobiography, news spread that she was once engaged to Prince. The bigger bombshell, however, didn't get nearly as much attention. "Pretty much, I was engaged to Carlos Santana. That was huge and no one knew about that," said the 56-year-old drummer, who dated a married Santana when she was 18. "I thought people would be talking about that, and it's more about, 'She was engaged to Prince!' Really?" Sheila E. said Santana, who was 36 at the time, was her first love, calling it "a wonderful romance."

"The Beat of My Own Drum," the musician's memoir released through Simon & Schuster's Atria Books earlier this month, features stories that range from working with Marvin Gaye, Ringo Starr and Lionel Richie to being raped at age 5. Dating Prince and Santana made her realize she had a thing for guys with guitars, she said. "And there were some that I did not put in the book," she said, laughing. Could they appear in another book? "I'll be able to share more stories on the next three to five books," she said. The Grammy-nominated star said writing her first book — completed with co-writer Wendy Holden

— has inspired her to write more, including children's books. "When I first approached (Simon & Schuster), I said I wanted to do a bunch of books," she said. Sheila E. first began writing "The Beat of My Own Drum" in her 30s, and said the process felt "devastating." She said coming back to the writing process two years ago gave her a fresh perspective. When writing about being raped — a topic the performer has discussed over the years — she thought she could share her story without hardship. "The beginning stages of it, because I had been talking about it for so long, it wasn't hard, but when I really had to dig in and re-

ally get in detail about it, when I read it back, that's when it hit me, like, 'Wow. OK,'" she said. "I really have to go in deep to explain really what happened, and to explain it in a way that I think that I remember it at five years old, not how I remember it now." Sheila E., whose hits include "The Glamorous Life" and "A Love Bizarre," released the album "ICON" last year. She says she wants to adapt her book into a movie. She's already spoken to the person she wants for the Sheila E. role. "I'm not going to tell you who it is," she said with a knowing smile. "They were very, very interested and excited." □

Behind the Chevron Case



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"I am the target of what is probably the most well-funded corporate retaliation campaign in U.S. history," Steven Donziger emailed me early Monday afternoon.

Donziger, 53, is the sort of attorney they make movies about. Tall, handsome, and charismatic, he has spent the bulk of his legal career on one case: trying to get Chevron to clean up an environmental mess that he says its predecessor left behind in Ecuador's rain forest. His clients are poor Ecuadorians who have allegedly been living with the land's degradation ever since Texaco pulled out of the country in the early 1990s. (Chevron bought Texaco - and acquired its legal liabilities - in 2001).

He has worked tirelessly on the case for more than two decades, finally gaining a \$19 billion judgment against the company in an Ecuadorian court in 2011. Though a higher court later cut the damages in half, it would still seem to be a fantastic victory by David over Goliath.

But there is another, darker narrative about Donziger, told most recently by Paul Barrett, a Bloomberg Businessweek writer whose book about the Chevron-Ecuador case, "Law of the Jungle," is being published this week. According to Barrett, Donziger may have begun his quest with the best of intentions, but somewhere along the way, he lost his bearings.

To get the judgment he wanted from the Ecuadorian courts, Donziger allegedly committed multiple acts of fraud, including having members of his team ghostwrite a crucial report for the court that was supposed to be authored by an independent expert. Donziger has responded by accusing Barrett of working hand-in-glove with Chevron, in effect being part of the "retaliation campaign."

I know Donziger slightly. I've always liked him. But I have to say that I find Barrett's account far more persuasive than Donziger's. Without question, Chevron has gone after him. But Donziger is the one who supplied the ammunition.

One reason Barrett's account is credible is that he began his reporting with a Bloomberg Businessweek cover story in 2011 that was decidedly pro-Donziger. But once he got the book contract

and began digging deeper into the case, he started to have his doubts about Donziger and the plaintiffs' team.

How could the plaintiffs know for sure that Chevron was at fault when the Ecuadorian government's oil company had continued to extract oil from the rain forest for years after Texaco left? Where was the epidemiology that connected the oil waste to disease? What about the ghost-written expert's report? And the ex parte communications with judges? And even an alleged attempt to bribe the judge to rule in the plaintiffs' favor?

Barrett isn't the only one to come to view Donziger as a rogue lawyer willing to do virtually anything to win. So has Roger Parloff, Fortune magazine's legal writer, who has covered the case for years. And so has the highly respected human rights lawyer - and Notre Dame law professor - Doug Cassel.

With every critic, Donziger and his allies have replied the same way: The critics have been corrupted by the evil Chevron. But there is one critic who is not so easy to brush aside: federal judge Lewis Kaplan of the Southern District of New York. Chevron brought a civil RICO case against Donziger, claiming that his actions had so tainted any Ecuadorian verdict that it should be unenforceable in the United States. (Because Chevron has no assets in Ecuador, the judgment would have to be enforced in countries like the U.S. where it did have assets.)

After a six-week trial, Kaplan essentially agreed, writing an astonishing 485-page decision in which he concluded that Donziger and his team had "corrupted" the trial. (Donziger described Kaplan's decision as "deeply flawed.")

Donziger had once thought his case against Chevron would show public interest lawyers how to bring big, complex foreign cases against multinational corporations. Instead, it is more likely to show corporations that there is more merit in fighting back than settling.

What's worse is that the Ecuadorians who live in the affected areas have still not seen any help, 20 years later. A lawyer with a more realistic view of the case might have been able to get a reasonable settlement early on. A lawyer who had played by the rules might have even won a judgment that would now be enforceable in a U.S. court. "Donziger disserved his clients and his cause" by the way he conducted himself during the trial, Cassel now says.

When I spoke to Donziger on Monday, he conceded that he may have made some mistakes, but nothing as egregious as Chevron's "horrendous actions in Ecuador." He told me that he was proud of the way he had acted, and that he still stands by the ghostwritten expert's report. "I am a big boy," Donziger said. "I can take responsibility for what I did or did not do."

But that's just the problem. He can't. And he hasn't. □



'I Do' Means You're Done



FRANK BRUNI
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In and around Rome, the talk is of Pope Francis' sage acceptance of the 21st century, of his empathy, of his departure from the stern moralizing on matters of the heart that his predecessors engaged in.

In Montana, a gay couple who have been together for more than three decades have been told that they're no longer really welcome in the Catholic parish where they've been worshipping together for 11 years.

This happened last month, in the town of Lewistown. By all accounts, these two men, one of them 73, the other 66, had done no one any harm. They hadn't picked a fight. Hadn't caused any particular stir. Simply went to Mass, same as always. Prayed. Sang in the church choir, where they were beloved mainstays. There was only this: In May of last year, without any fanfare, the men had traveled to Seattle, where they had met and lived for many years, to get married. And while they didn't do anything after to publicize the civil ceremony, word eventually leaked out.

So in early August, a 27-year-old priest who had just begun working at the parish summoned them to a meeting, according to local news reports. And at that meeting, he told them that they could no longer be choir mem-

bers, perform any other roles like that or, for that matter, receive communion.

If they wanted those privileges restored, there was indeed a remedy, which the priest and other church officials spelled out for them over subsequent conversations. They would have to divorce. They would have to stop living together. And they would have to sign a statement that marriage exists only between a man and a woman.

Translation: Renounce a love fortified over 30 years. Unravel your lives. And affirm that you're a lesser class of people, barred from the rituals in which others blithely participate. With those little tweaks, the body of Christ can again be yours.

In one sense there's nothing revelatory here. For all the changes afoot in enlightened countries around the world, the church remains censorious of same-sex marriage - fervently so, in many instances - and Catholic teaching still forbids sexually intimate relationships between two men or two women.

But there are details to note, rue and reject. One is the hypocrisy (or whatever you want to call it) of punishing a same-sex couple for formalizing a relationship that was already obvious, as these men's partnership was.

Such punishment has befallen many employees of Catholic schools or congregations since the legalization of same-sex marriage in many states allowed them civil weddings. Teachers long known to be gay are suddenly exiled for being gay and married, which is apparently too much commitment and accountability for the church to abide. Honesty equals expulsion. "I do" means you're done.

I reached the Montana couple, Tom Wojtowick and Paul Huff, on the phone Tuesday, and Wojtowick expressed befuddlement. "We're just two old men," he said, and their relationship was no secret. "We're only 5,900

people in this town, and Paul and I are really well known."

He said that seven generations of his family had worshipped in the parish, where he himself was baptized. In recent years he'd been on the parish council, and until last month, he was the organist. "This is my home," he said. He said that he and Huff had decided to get married not to make a statement but because they were getting on in years and didn't want any confusion or challenge about beneficiaries, health care proxies and hospital visitation rights.

The Catholic Church does incalculable good, providing immeasurable comfort - material as well as spiritual - to so many. But it contradicts and undercuts that mission when it fails to recognize what more and more parishioners do: that gay people deserve the same dignity as everyone else, certainly not what happened to the Montana couple. If Francis and his successors don't get this right, all his other bits of progress and pretty words will be for naught.

This tension was captured in a blog post Monday by Andrew Sullivan, who is both a leading gay-marriage advocate and a practicing Catholic. He indicated that stories like the one from Montana are making those identities ever harder to reconcile. "There is only so much inhumanity that a church can be seen to represent before its own members lose faith in it," he wrote.

A bishop in Montana conceded to a local newspaper that half the congregation was upset by the men's ouster. Wojtowick told me that the choir had essentially disbanded, in solidarity with him and Huff, and that some congregants had stopped attending services, Huff among them.

Wojtowick still goes, but only for the first half of the Mass, before communion approaches. "Then I get up," he said. "I make a profound bow to the altar. And I walk out." □

Garry Marshall: Family Feeling, Wherever He Digs In

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NEW YORK - Leave it to a native New Yorker who hasn't lived here in 53 years to still know the best place to go.

Garry Marshall, director of the movies "Pretty Woman," "Beaches" and "The Princess Diaries," who also created the television series "Happy Days," "Laverne and Shirley" and "Mork and Mindy," is from the Grand Concourse in the Bronx. He loved his old neighborhood and never lost his delight in its easy camaraderie. So much so that when he shoots a movie, people say he doesn't direct it as much as throw it. When I arrived at the elegant yet warmly appointed bar at the Ritz Carlton Hotel on Central Park South - his choice - I began to see what that meant.

Marshall, who turns 80 in November, ordered an anisette, two ice cubes - as a cocktail - and called over his friend Norman Bukofzer, the head barman. Marshall likes him so much he cast him in his latest film, "New Year's Eve."

"Tell her your line," he instructed, first giving me the setup, a character saying that New York City is a dangerous place. Bukofzer struck a pose. "You ever been to Newark?" he growled. Marshall laughed. "Four takes, he did it," he said. When Bukofzer walked away, Marshall said: "He should be in the business. He knows everybody."

Perhaps, but when it comes to networking, no one tops Marshall. He's been working longer and harder than most people in any business, starting in 1959, when he wrote for Joey Bishop and then for Jack Paar on "The Tonight Show" before moving on to "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and "The Lucy Show." He produced "The Odd Couple," with Jack Klugman and Tony Randall. And on "Murphy Brown," he played the head of the network.

Marshall is back in New York to direct a new play, "Billy & Ray," by Mike Bencivenga, starring Vincent



The director Garry Marshall, center, in New York. Marshall, back in New York to direct a new play, sees old friends everywhere he turns, including the bar at the Ritz-Carlton.

(Philip Greenberg/The New York Times)

Kartheiser (Pete Campbell on "Mad Men") and featuring Sophie von Haselberg, otherwise known as Bette Midler's daughter. "I remember on the set of 'Beaches,' holding her hand and saying, 'Let's go see what Mommy's doing now,'" Marshall recalled.

"Billy & Ray" tells the story of how Raymond Chandler (Larry Pine) and Billy Wilder (Kartheiser) wrote the classic film noir "Double Indemnity." The play was first produced by the Falcon Theater in Burbank, California, which is owned by Marshall and run by his daughter Kathleen. It begins previews at the Vineyard Theater in Manhattan on Wednesday.

Marshall made a point of saying that Von Haselberg had auditioned through the Falcon independently, even though he is famous for casting his family and friends in everything, perhaps most memorably his sister Penny Marshall in "Laverne and Shirley." Working with relatives can be hazardous: Marshall made his father, Tony, a producer on that show, and one week, Tony decided to withhold his daughter's \$25,000 paycheck. She had been "fresh" to him, he informed his son. Marshall intervened. Bukofzer told us that the chef wanted to bring over some hors d'oeuvres. Mar-

shall regarded him glumly. He was already picking at a fruit plate, and we had a dinner reservation at Redeye Grill, owned by another friend, Shelly Fireman, a fellow alumnus of DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx. Eating is not one of Marshall's strong suits, he

of my worst words is 'drizzle.' It's the stuff they put in that you can't see. My wife and my assistant, Heather, taste first to see what's in a sauce. I should be a king! But I'm constantly blindsided by food. When I was a teenager, I could never put mustard on a hot dog.



A New York Cheese Cake with strawberry and warm chocolate sauce on graham cracker crust ordered by director Garry Marshall, in New York. Marshall, back in New York to direct a new play, sees old friends everywhere he turns, including the bar at the Ritz-Carlton.

(Philip Greenberg/The New York Times)

kept insisting. As a child, he had dangerous allergies - mustard could stop his breathing - and he still views many foods as potential enemies.

"Vinegar, horseradish, walnut oil," he lamented. "One

So I watched what the girls ate. If it was mustard, I didn't want to hit on them. Maybe if a cute girl didn't eat the mustard, I could kiss her."

"I have a boring diet, but I'm happy," he went on.

"The new stuff, dandelion greens, Japanese turnips?" He shuddered and, pointing to his distended left cheek, added, "Mouth cancer also doesn't help." He received the diagnosis before directing "New Year's Eve" in 2011.

But he is still a handsome devil. He appeared this season in an episode of "Two and a Half Men," and Betty White has asked him to play a boyfriend on "Hot in Cleveland." He was also in an episode of "Louie," with Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld. "When Louis C.K. called, I had to ask my son who he was, and he told me he was a very big deal," Marshall said, amused. "He was very nice."

The chef presented the hors d'oeuvres: almost raw tuna, goat cheese, foie gras and lobster. "Is there vinegar?" Marshall asked suspiciously. The chef looked puzzled. "There is some acid," he allowed. Once he left, Marshall opined darkly, "They say acid, but they mean vinegar." He ate the foie gras and goat cheese and lived.

Despite having his right knee replaced eight weeks ago, Marshall grabbed his cane and insisted we walk the few blocks to Redeye. I told him I had read both his memoirs, "Wake Me When It's Funny" and "My Happy Days in Hollywood," written with his daughter Lori, and remarked on how positive he remained, especially in such a tough business.

"With cancer, I was not so positive," he said at the table, sipping another anisette. "I thought I would never get better." After radiation treatments, he shot "New Year's Eve" in a brutal New York winter and contracted walking pneumonia.

Once he recovered, Marshall's wife of 51 years, Barbara, a former intensive-care nurse, insisted he go back to work. "I told her: 'I can't do a movie. I froze on 'New Year's Eve,'" Marshall said. "But the weather is always good in the theater." Our first course arrived, the miso matzo ball soup with shiitake mushrooms. □